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Annual Reports of the

TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1961

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1761 - 1961

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown, formerly a plantation called Cold Spring, was incorporated in 1761. The name Belchertown came from Governor Jonathan Belcher, a colonial governor, 1730-1741, who owned land in this vicinity. The town, one of the largest in the state in area, is about 12 miles North to South and 5 miles East to West.

Several families were here as early as 1731 from Northampton, Hatfield and Hadley. By 1736 twenty families were here and in 1738 a church was built. Schools are mentioned in 1756.

Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, an early settler, was active in the French and Indian Wars and also in the Revolution when most of the male population marched to Cambridge on April 20, 1775.

A Post Office, the third in the county, was established in 1797.

The War of 1812, not being popular in New England, did not attract enlistments. Hampshire County furnished 4,500 men during the Civil War.

Many taverns and inns thrived during the first hundred years, as travel was slow over bridle paths or by ox cart, and frequent rests were necessary. The Great Road on the west side of the Common extended from Hadley to Brookfield, and stages were operated by a Mr. Clapp who owned a tavern in the center of Town.

The central part of the Common was given by Col. Elijah Dwight when he gave land for the church. Later the north and south ends were deeded in 1803.

A newspaper was printed here in 1826. In the early 1800's there was activity in manufacturing, carriages being a big business from 1837 to 1867. In 1845 articles manufactured were: iron implements, harnesses, chairs, cabinet work, bricks, boots, hats and marble monuments. Women in the homes wove palm leaf hats with material furnished by Amherst hat manufacturers. Many of the swift flowing brooks had mills along them run by early settlers.

A bank with a capital of $100,000 was established in 1825, but remained open only a few years.

Our library was given by John Francis Clapp, who was a descendant of the early stage route owner. Lawrence Memorial Hall is another gift to our Town, and at the Stone House one may see the early history of our town live again in furnished rooms and also in the Ford Annex filled with old time manufactured articles.

—Julia T. Shumway

Town Officers, 1961

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		3-5-62
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-5-62
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Raymond C. Gay (Deceased 1-9-62)		
Walter Tolpa, Jr.		3-4-63
Michael S. Mathras		3-2-64
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-2-64
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-5-62
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Phillis W. Flaherty		3-5-62
Andrew G. Ketchen		3-4-63
Harold W. Willey		3-2-64
	PLANNING BOARD	
Henry Renouf		3-5-62
Milton R. Locke		3-4-63
William E. Aldrich		3-2-64
Raymond V. Burke		3-1-65
George B. Jackson		3-7-66
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Harvey A. Lincourt		3-5-62
Elwyn H. Bock		3-4-63
Lincoln A. Cook		3-2-64
	ASSESSORS	
Romeo J. Joyal		3-5-62
Harold B. Ketchen		3-4-63
Arlan V. Skinner		3-2-64

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

D. Donald Hazen	3-5-62
Milton C. Baggs (Resigned 3-1-61)	
Frederick E. Lincoln	3-4-63
Helen L. Papp	3-2-64

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	3-5-62

BOARD OF HEALTH

Catherine L. Austin, R. N.	3-5-62
Raymond C. Gay (Deceased 1-9-62)	
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	3-2-64

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	3-5-62
Ernest M. Gay	3-5-62
Francis P. Loftus	3-5-62
Andrew T. Sears	3-5-62
Herbert E. Squires	3-5-62

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	3-5-62
Sophia M. Pero	3-5-62

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

Lewis H. Blackmer	3-5-62
George A. Poole	3-4-63
D. Donald Hazen	3-2-64

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Selectmen

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey (Appointed 11-30-61)	12-1-64

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay	3-5-62

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears	3-5-62

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller	3-5-62

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David A. Staples (Resigned 1-26-61)	
Kenneth Thayer	3-5-62
William G. Whitlock	3-5-62
Sidney W. Wheeler	3-4-63
Harry A. Boyle	3-2-64
John A. Collis	3-2-64

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Doris M. Dickinson (Rep.)	3-5-62
Gertrude E. Riley (Dem.)	3-4-63
Raymond T. Beaudoin (Dem.)	3-2-64

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig	3-5-62

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay (Deceased 1-9-62)

VETERANS' AGENT

Frank J. Kosiba	3-5-62

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown	3-5-62

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier	3-5-62

APPEALS BOARD

W. Ira Shattuck	3-5-62
Thaddeus Bodzinski	3-5-62
James Baker	3-5-62
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	3-4-63
Arthur Moriarty	3-2-64

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Walter J. Henry, Jr.	3-5-62

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Frank J. Kosiba	Acting
Henry Renouf	3-5-62

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanfin	3-5-62

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry	3-5-62
Raymond C. Gay (Deceased 1-9-62)	

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph E. T. Mercier	3-5-62
David E. Fournier	3-5-62
Adam L. Antonovitch	3-5-62
Roy Whidden	3-5-62

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Walter Tolpa, Jr.	3-5-62
Joseph Tolpa	3-5-62
Earl Howland (Deceased 10-10-61)	

POLICE OFFICERS

Adam L. Antonovitch	3-5-62
Ernest M. Gay	3-5-62
Frank P. Loftus	3-5-62
Andrew T. Sears	3-5-62
Herbert E. Squires	3-5-62

SCHOOL TRAFFIC OFFICERS

A. Preston Atwood	3-5-62
Earle H. Whitehouse	3-5-62
Elizabeth M. McCallum	3-5-62

SPECIAL POLICE

Robert G. Anderson	3-5-62
James Baker	3-5-62
Lester Beaudoin	3-5-62
Randolph Brown	3-5-62
Edward Czech	3-5-62
Merton Pratt	3-5-62
William Squires	3-5-62
Chester Dzwonkowski	3-5-62
A. Preston Atwood	3-5-62
Norman Loftus	Route 9 Const.
John Collis	Route 9 Const.
Lafayette W. Ayers, Sr.	Seasonal

(Duration of Fair)

Charles F. Austin (Deceased 1-17-62)
Nelson Hill
W. Paige Piper
Isaac A. Hodgen
A. Preston Atwood
Donald M. Terry
Stanley Antonovitch
Samuel Joyal

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

(Expired)

Mrs. J. Bernard Bowler, Treas. — Harold F. Peck
Mrs. Harry A .Boyle, Sec'y — Frederick E. Lincoln
E. Clifton Witt, Chairman

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

(Unexpired)

Mrs. C. V. Morey — John Collis
John Nelson — W. G. Whitlock
Byron Hudson

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (Expired)

Isaac A. Hodgen — Andrew G. Ketchen
Arlan Skinner — Raymond V. Burke
Joseph A. Austin — Joseph Flanagan
Herbert Wood

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

(Annual)

Michael S. Mathras — Andrew G. Ketchen
Willard H. Young, Sr.

SUMMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

(Annual)

Walter Tolpa, Jr. — Phillis W. Flaherty
Willard H. Young, Sr.

APPOINTED BY TOWN MODERATOR

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Harold W. Willey — Rachel Shumway
Arthur Moriarty

POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE

Michael S. Mathras — Ernest M. Gay
Isaac A. Hodgen

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

(Appointed by School Committee)

William F. Kimball, Jr.

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Doris S. Squires—Report Clerk	3-5-62

John A. Brickett—Sanitation Agent	3-5-62
Melvin Andrews—Inspector of Slaughtering	3-5-62
Francis M. Austin, V. M. D.—Inspector of Animals (Resigned 11-16-61)	
Lewis J. Austin—Inspector of Animals (Unexpired term)	3-31-62
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.—Special Agent (B. S. S.)	3-5-62

SPECIAL POLICE APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN
(Limited to State School)

Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.	3-5-62
Francis J. Longtine	3-5-62
Thomas P. Feeney	3-5-62

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR TAKING OF STREET LIST

Adam L. Antonovitch
Edward Czech
Robert Anderson
Andrew T. Sears
Lester Beaudoin
Merton Pratt
Francis P. Loftus
Randolph Brown
Herbert Squires
James Baker
Roy Whidden
Doris Dickinson (Registrar)

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall
Benjamin H. Smith

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Silvio O. Conte — First Congressional District

STATE SENATOR

Paul Benoit — Worcester-Hampden District

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen — Fourth Hampshire District

COUNCILLOR, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Raymond F. Sullivan — Eighth Councillor District

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Hampshire)

Hiram H. Brownell
Raymond A. Lyman
Edwin M. Podolak

Merrill E. Torrey—Clerk of Courts	County of Hampshire
Raymond A. Warner—Register of Deeds	County of Hampshire
Frank E. Tuit, II—Register of Probate	County of Hampshire
Howard A. Banner—Treasurer	County of Hampshire
Sanford Keedy—District Attorney	County of Hampshire

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth B. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Louis E. Fuller, Chief
Carl J. Peterson, Deputy Chief
Kenneth B. Bristol, Capt.
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Isaac Hodgen, Lieutenant
William Squires, Lieutenant
Sherman Gould, Lieutenant

Donald Bock
Elwyn Bock
Harry Brougham
Edward Gates
Ernest Gay
Royal Gay
Hubert Greene
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen
Hugh Hubard, Jr.
Samuel Joyal
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Herbert Squires
David Staples
Herbert Wood

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Miss Hazel Charles
Miss Ruth Neville
Miss Jane Conklin
Mrs. Marguerite Mumford
Mrs. Jean Garron
Miss Jeanne Dubois

Miss Pauline H. Barrett, former telephone operator at the Schoo since 1924, September, retired on July, 1960, from State Service.

List of Jurors

NAME— MALES	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Anderson, Robert G.	C. Walker Street	Farmer	Self employed
Austin, Joseph F.	West Street	Dairy Farmer	Self employed
Barnes, Philip R.	Federal Street	Maintenance	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Bristol, Kenneth F.	Cottage Street	Mechanic	H. B. Ketchen & Son
Brown, Randolph H.	No. Main Street	Maintenance man	Belchertown State School
Dana, Raymond G.	C. Walker Street	Setter	Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Spfd.
Demetropoulos, Peter	Mill Valley Road	Field Civil Engineer	Install. Eng. office, Westover AFB
Dickinson, Harvey M.	So. Main Street	Plastic Worker	Nat'l Transp. Plastics, Ind. Orchard
Gay, Raymond C.	Main Street	Trucker	Self employed
Gay, Royal K.	No. Main Street	Truck driver	Chadbourne's Serv. Sta., B'town
Goodrich, Fred	Federal Street	Storekeeper	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Howard, Charles F.	Jackson Street	Machinist	H. B. Ketchen & Son
Jackson, Blake S.	No. Washington Street	Broker	Schirmer-Atherton & Co., Boston
Kosiba, Frank J.	Federal Street	Interviewer	Div. of Emp. Comm. of Mass., Ware
Labrie, Joseph	Federal Street	Heat treater	Moore Drop Forging Co., Springfield
Lagrant, Raymond P.	Franklin Street	Stock control man	Monsanto Chemical Co., Ind. Orch.
Mathras, Michael S.	E. Walnut Street	Production super.	F. W. Sickles Co., Chicopee
Morey, Robert	No. Washington Street	Clerk	Belchertown Pharmacy
Noel, Wilfred L.	Maple Street	Lead operator	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orch.
Pamoukis, John	Amherst Road	Assembler	Westinghouse Corp., Springfield
Sanford, Charles H.	No. Main Street	Carpenter	Self employed
Slate, William T.	Bardwell Street	Electrician	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls
Slupnicki, Walter S.	Railroad Street	Laborer	Westinghouse, Springfield

Squires, William H., Jr.	Main Street	Auto mechanic	Self employed	
Sutcliffe, Robert W.	Poole Road	Stock clerk	Tecnifax Co., Holyoke	
Wheeler, Sidney W.	Everett Avenue	Financial advisor	Self employed	
Tolpa, Joseph	Federal Street	Waste dealer	Willimansett Waste, Chicopee	
Geer, Everett	So. Liberty Street	Retired	—	
Brooks, Arthur H.	M. Sears Road	Retired	*****	
O'Connor, Daniel	Franklin Street	Farmer	Self employed	
Pratt, Merton L.	D. Shays Highway	Mechanic	Dorey Motor Sales	
Ayers, Lafayette W., Sr.	No. Main Street	School bus operator	Town of Belchertown	
Bukowski, Edward	Keyes Street	Buffer	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls	
Godin, Peter J.	State Street	Toolmaker	Worthington Corp., Holyoke	
Keller, Frederick	Franklin Street	Maintenance foreman	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee	
Poole, George A.	Maple Street	Retired	—	
FEMALE				Husband's emp. or occupation
Allen, Amy S.	M. Sears Road	Housewife	—	Mail messenger
Austin, Ann C.	West Street	Housewife	—	Veterinarian
Charles, Hazel F.	Jabish Street	Telephone operator	Bel. State Sch.	—
Cole, Mildred S.	Franklin Street	Housewife—Teacher	—	Dozer operator
Gay, Barbara A.	Main Street	Housewife	—	Trucker
Grover, Emma L. M.	Federal Street	Housewife	—	Police Off. MDC
Hislop, Lucy J.	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper	H. B. Ketchen & Son	—
Jenks, Celia B.	D. Shays Highway	Retired	—	
Knight, Margaret	Everett Avenue	Housewife	—	Watchman
Lindquist, Alma S.	Mill Valley Road	Bank teller	Ludlow Savings Bank	—
Rhodes, Helen M.	Enfield Road	Housewife	—	Inspector
Hennemann, Barbara C.	E. Walnut Street	Clerk	Bell & Hudson Ins. Agy, Inc.	—
Dunbar, Dorothy	Sargent Street	Tester	Geberal Instrument	—
Tucker, Ruthella M.	D. Shays Highway	Housewife	—	Electrical tester

JURORS DRAWN FOR SERVICE DURING 1961

May 4, 1961	
Frank E. Peeso	Traverse Juror
David W. Russell	Traverse Juror
August 24, 1961	
Margaret Knight	Traverse Juror
Blake S. Jackson	Traverse Juror
November 9, 1961	
Charles F. Howard	Traverse Juror
Michael S. Mathras	Traverse Juror

Report of Selectmen

1961—Our Bicentennial year, without a doubt our most memorable and busiest year to date. The Board organized shortly after the Annual Town Meeting as follows: Michael S. Machras, Chairman of the Board; Raymond C. Gay as Clerk of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; and Walter Tolpa, Jr., as our third member.

The Board held seventy-four meetings during the year, sixteen during the month of December alone. Members of our Board attended all out of town meetings that required local representation, in addition to attending regular sessions of The Selectmen's Association. At these meetings we are appraised of current legislation and are kept abreast of new developments in Town Management. With town government becoming more complex and demanding, this Board had to hold some twenty-two extra meetings during the year to properly carry out the duties of this office. It is our belief that the weekly meeting of the present will soon prove inadequate and that possibly the Board might have to resort to biweekly meetings.

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Our Chapter 81 road program, in keeping with pre-arranged planning, was responsible for 11,140 feet of new hard-top surfacing during 1961. In addition to the laying of almost two miles of new surfacing, the Highway Department coated additional miles of road with penetrating sealer to protect the older surfaces. Our Snow Removal funds proved inadequate during 1961, due to the extremely heavy snowfall and to the many ice-storms that came our way. The acquisition of a new sanding unit with a snow plow attachment will enable our Highway Department to better their already fine performance. We again wish to thank our highway crews for the fine job of snow removal over the Christmas week-end. All in all, our Chapter 81 program in '61 shows evidence of promising even more for 1962.

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Members of the Board attended the Chapter 90 hearings at Northampton and were somewht dismayed to learn that that portion of Route 9 that had been rebuilt this year was all that we could hope for in new construction for some time to come. Our Board along with other Selectmen, protested the channeling of highway funds to Interstate Highway Construction at the expense of the smaller towns. The only consoling features resulting from this meeting was the assurance that we would get our usual allotments for construction and maintenance, and the promise of Rep. Nolen that he would sponsor a bill to continue this project this year.

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Chapter 90 Construction on Chauncey Walker St. reached a new high for coverage in 1961. Permanent surfacing was applied to 1,240 feet, and over 2,000 feet of road was temporarily sealed in preparation for final surfacing in 1962. In addition, Chapter 90C has undertaken grading and resurfacing on Bay Road. The dangerous knoll at the junction of Bay Rd. and Stebbins St. will be eliminated, and it is our hope to continue work on both Bay Rd. and Stebbins St., to eliminate the dangerous curves in this area.

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The Department of Public Works informed all communities in the State that it will no longer maintain safety markings on Chapter 90 roads. This news stunned all concerned, and presently a united front, headed by The Selectmen's Association, is sponsoring a bill to countermand this ruling. Should they prove unsuccessful, we would have no alternative but to purchase striping equipment to maintain these very necessary markings.

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The Street Lighting Project on Federal St. was completed during the summer, and additional surveys were conducted in response to petitions.

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To keep abreast of increasing replacement costs, all town buildings were again appraised, and our Insurance Program re-aligned to provide the town with the maximum possible coverage at a minimum of expense.

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The reactivation of our Civilian Defense unit was initiated by the

Board with the appointment of Henry Renouf as Director of Civilian Defense. State and Federal officials are truly concerned with the lack of interest evidenced nationally with their attempts to revive this once very active program. This Board knows that an active CD unit locally is an absolute necessity, if only to cope with natural emergencies. Existing local facilities must be used as the nucleus for emergency planning in our community. Fire, Police, Health, Welfare and other services already have the know-how and some of the equipment for emergency assignments. They must be coordinated into a community unit, so that there will be a clear understanding of responsibilities if and when the emergency comes. Nobody hopes more devoutly than do your Selectmen that our plans and preparations will prove unnecessary. By the same token, nobody realizes more acutely than do your Selectmen, that we here in Belchertown are fast asleep as far as CD activity is concerned. No few individuals can carry the whole load; we need help, and we turn to you for it. Please help us—to help you.

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Perhaps the most aggravating problem this Board had to face this year was the State's ridiculous attempts at enforcing the so-called Blue Laws. It seemed as though no State agency particularly cared to do the job, and left the enforcement to local authorities. Special permits had to be granted weekly, and in most instances were. However our sole consolation is the fact that our problem is shared by every other community, so perhaps something can be done about streamlining these laws.

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1961 saw extended telephone service come into being here in Belchertown. We have now become a part of a system that will soon enable us to dial direct to any number in the country.

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To that School Building Committee headed by Herb Wood, this Board of the town extends a decided vote of thanks. Nothing can be more disheartening than to see months of hard work go for naught; however, all was not lost; all the preliminary groundwork for our new school was laid out by this group. We have gained much in experience, we must now acquire a new perspective, we must begin to think positively, we must realize and appreciate the absolute need we have for a new school. New conditions have been laid out; now our new committee headed by Col. Benton Fielder has an even more difficult task to perform. They will need all the help we can give them; let's get behind this new group, and may their efforts culminate in the building of a sorely needed new school.

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Our Bicentennial—Again we repeat, it was just about the greatest thing that ever happened to Belchertown. To the many fine committees who planned this most memorable week-end, this Board cannot be too profuse with their thanks. Proud memories of our Bicentennial will be with us for years to come, and to all concerned we are truly grateful.

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The past few months have indeed been sad ones in our town. The loss of four public servants within so short a span of time has cast a pall over the entire community. We are all grief stricken at the passing of Dr. Francis Austin, Raymond C. Gay and Charles F. Austin, all of whom served as Selectmen, and at this writing we learn that Raymond Beaudoin, for years a Registrar of Voters, has also passed away. Let us all pause for a moment, in respectful memory to these fine men who contributed so much to our way of life. We shall miss you, each and every one of you—very much.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

Report of Assessors

This report represents the changes in the 1961 Tax Base, also the Rate which had to be used to raise the appropriations for the year.

The total levy was $7,311,692, compared with $7,169,509 for 1960, making an increase of $142,183. This consisted of increases on land and buildings and changes on personal property.

The appropriations for 1961 were $538,535.84, compared with $481,298.41 for 1960, making an increase of $57,298.41 This necessitated an increase of only $4.00 in the tax rate.

Dwellings assessed in 1961 were 1,175, compared with 1152 in 1960.

Per amended Chapter 58—Sections 9 and 10, which require all boards of assessors to report annually to the State Tax Commission, sales of property, there were reported for 1961, 122 sales, totalling values of $323,361.00.

66 Building permits were issued in 1961. Total value, $324,800.00.

The new valuation system has now been in effect three years, and is proving its benefit to the town.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year $670, 670.55

Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$2,198.49	
County Tax	17,729.57	
Overlay for current year	6,489.36	
Under estimates 1960 Cherry Sheet	422.23	
State Audit Municipal Acc'ts	1,622.95	28,462.60
Gross amount to be raised		$699,133.15
Expecter revenue from Commonwealth	$221,369.73	
Available Funds	132,084.71	
County Tax Less than estimates	1.11	
	$353,455.55	$353,455.55
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures, gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$345,677.60
Total Valuation		
Personal Property	$691.997.00	
Land and buildings	6,619.695.00	
		$7,311,692.00
Tax Levy at $47.00		
Personal Property	$32,523.92	
Real Estate	311,125.68	
Polls	2,028.00	
Total Levy		$345,677.60
Added Assessments		
Real estate	$98.70	
Polls	6.00	
Personal property	4.70	

It would be greatly appreciated by the assessors if the dimensions of land and actual acreage transferred were clearly stated on all deeds covering transfer of property, stating if any buildings are included on transfer. Also very important is a positive indentification of property location on street located.

HAROLD B. KETCHEN, Chairman
ROMEO J. JOYAL
ARLAN V. SKINNER

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

1959—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1-1-61		$6.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	$2.00	
Abated	4.00	
	$6.00	$6.00
1960—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1-1-61		86.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	30.00	
Abated	48.00	
Outstanding 12-31-61	8.00	
	$86.00	$86.00
1961—POLL TAX		
Committed for collection		2,036.00
Refunded		8.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	1,890.00	
Abated	116.00	
Outstanding 12-31-61	38.00	
	$2,044.00	$2,044.00
1959—PERSONAL TAX		
Outstanding 1-1-61		220.99
Refunded		2,615.73
Abatement rescinded		253.50
Collected, paid to Treas.	474.49	
Abated	2,615.73	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$3,090.22	$3,090.22

1960—PERSONAL TAX

Outstanding 1-1-61		769.33
Refunded		3,129.33
Collected, paid to Treas.	513.91	
Abated	3,129.33	
Outstanding 12-31-61	255.42	
	$3,898.66	$3,898.66

1961—PERSONAL TAX

Committed for collection		32,528.62
Refunded		9.63
Collected, paid to Treas.	31,403.67	
Abated	105.74	
Outstanding 12-31-61	1,028.84	
	$32,538.25	$32,538.25

1960—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding 1-1-61		101.24
Collected, paid to Treas.	101.24	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$101.24	$101.24

1961—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Committed for collection		726.53
Collected, paid to Treas.	651.74	
Outstanding 12-31-61	74.79	
	$726.53	$726.53

1959—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding 1-1-61		2,190.51
Collected, paid to Treas	2,116.14	
Outstanding 12-31-61	74.37	
	$2,190.51	$2,190.51

1960—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding 1-1-61		24,261.85
Refunded		91.43
Collected, paid to Treas.	21,439.74	
Abated	189.20	
Outstanding 12-31-61	2,724.34	

	$24,353.28	$24,353.28
1961—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Committed for collection		311,205.58
Refunded		885.15
Paid after abatement		32.90
Collected, paid to Treas.	281,590.88	
Abated	4,634.20	
Outstanding 12-31-61	25,898.55	
	$312,123.63	$312,123.63
1958—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Paid after abatement		7.53
Collected, paid to Treas.	7.53	
	$7.53	$7.53
1959—Motor Vehicle Excise		
Outstanding 1-1-61		340.82
Collected, paid to Treas.	44.22	
Abated	258.12	
Outstanding 12-31-61	38.48	
	$340.82	$340.82
1960—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1-1-61		8,114.71
Committed for collection during 1961		9,963.06
Refunded		2,560.06
Paid after abatement		16.74
Collected, paid to Treas.	17,243.58	
Abated	2,697.09	
Outstanding 12-31-61	713.90	
	$20,654.57	$20,654.57
1961—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Committed for collection		56,572.92
Refunded		2,915.96
Collected, paid to Treas.	46,121.29	
Abated	3,197.30	
Outstanding 12-31-61	10,170.29	
	$59,488.88	$59,488.88

1961—BETTERMENT, SEWERS (Apportioned)

Committed for collection		129.79
Collected, paid to Treas.	129.79	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$129.79	$129.79

1961—BETTERMENT, Sewers (Apportioned)

Interest, committed for collection		35.05
Collected, paid to Treas.	35.05	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$35.05	$35.05

1961—BETTERMENT SEWERS (Assessed in full)

Committed for collection		303.67
Collected, paid to Treas.	303.67	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$303.67	$303.67

1961—BETTERMENT, SEWERS (Assessed in full)

Interest, committed for collection		3.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	3.00	
Outstanding 12-31-61	.00	
	$3.00	$3.00

1960—SEWER CHARGES

Outstanding 1-1-61		115.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	55.00	
Abated	30.00	
Outstanding 12-31-61	30.00	
	$115.00	$115.00

1961—Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		4,815.00
Refunded		30.00
Paid after abatement		30.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	4,570.00	
Abated	85.00	
Outstanding 12-31-61	220.00	
	$4,875.00	$4,875.00

BALANCE

Outstanding 1-1-61 (Taxes, excises, charges)		$36,206.45
Committed for collection		418,319.22
Refunded and paid after abatement		12,585.96
Collected, paid to Treasurer	$408,726.94	
Abated	17,109.71	
Outstanding 12-31-61	41,274.98	
	$467,111.63	$467,111.63
Taxes, Excises and Charges collected during 1961		$408,726.94
Fees collected during 1961 (Demand and Warrant)		1,143.80
Interest collected during 1961		759..45
Total cash paid Town Treasurer		$410,630.19

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in Treasury 1-1-61	$181,033.64	
Receipts, 1961	907,858.67	
		$1,088,892.31
Expenditures, 1961	$909,441.84	
Cash in Treasury 12-31-61	179,450.47	
		$1,088,892.31

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Fund	Bal. 1-1-61	Withdrawn	Interest	Deposits	Bal. 12-31-61
George Longley Music	$2,630.68	$45.42	$97.84	....	$2,683.10
C. Bridgman High School	8,725.90	2,931.76	330.26	....	6,124.40
S. M. D. Bridgman Cemetery	560.82	....	21.21	....	582.03
Whiting Street	10,407.17	19.93	393.54	....	10,780.78
W. Stebbins Cemetery	1,354.98	....	51.27	....	1,406.25
C. Bridgman Library	4,070.01	146.32	151.31	....	4,075.00
N. E. Brown Mt. Hope Cem.	1,064.28	20.00	40.24	....	1,084.52
Cemeteries' Perpetual Care	30,578.64	1,094.97	1,138.76	300.00	30,922.43
Post War Rehabilitation	108.79	....	4.09	....	112.88
Stabilization	....	....	1,125.00	73,875.00	75,000.00
War Memorial	5,735.95	5,951.11	215.16	....	.00
	$65,237.22	$10,209.51	$3,568.68	$74,175.00	$132,771.39

Cash on deposit 1-1-61	$65,237.22	
Receipts (Deposits and Interest)	77,743.68	
		$142,980.90
Payments (Withdrawals)	$10,209.51	
Cash on deposit 12-31-61	132,771.39	
		$142,980.90

REPORT OF SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN POOR FUND

Original Bequest $3,500.00 (Bank stock)

1-1-61—35 Shares of common capital stock, par value $100.00—First National Bank of Amherst.

1-1-61—35 Shares of common capital stock, par value $40.00—West Side Properties, Inc.

The Directors of First National Bank of Amherst voted a Stock Split on May 23, 1961. On July 15, 1961 the Town Treasurer surrendered the original stock certificate, No. 725, and received in place thereof a new certificate, number 58, which represents 525 shares of common capital stock with a par value of $10.00.

12-31-61—525 Shares of common capital stock, par value $10.00—First National Bank of Amherst.

12-31-61— 35 Shares of common capital stock, par value $40.00—West Side Properties, Inc.

There were 262 employees of Belchertown during year 1961, all departments.

Wages earned before deductions	$286,176.07
Taxes, insurance, etc.	57,616.65
Net wages paid employees	$228,559.42

During 1961 the town treasurer had to borrow money to meet the weekly obligations:

Note No. 216—$50,000, dated 7-1-61, due 11-8-61, discounted at 1.25%

Note No. 217—$40,000, dated 9-12-61, due 11-31-61, discounted at 1.23% (Total discount, $331.15)

Income from funds invested by treasurer (Excluding Trust Funds) $991.40.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Boys 23 Girls 36 Total 59

MARRIAGES

Intentions filed: 42 Marriages recorded: 47

			Male	Female
Married at Belchertown	24			
Other (Massachusetts)	21	Oldest	59	53
Out of state	2	Youngest	17	15

DEATHS

Male 32 Female 26 Total 58

			Male	Female
Died at Belchertown	36			
Other (Massachusetts)	21	Oldest	90	88
Out of state	1	Youngest	2	1

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Sporting licenses (Gross)	645	$2,885.90
Dog licenses (Gross)	585	1,480.00
Recording mortgages and terminations	129	344.00
Registration of business	3	3.00
Pole location and relocation	25	96.00
Registration of fuel and gas storage	31	15.50
Birth, marriage and death certificates, issued	135	135.00
Marriage intentions	42	92.00
Dog license transfer	1	.25
Sale of town By-Law booklets	75	17.75

	1,671	$5,069.40

Payments
(To Town Treasurer)

Sporting licenses (Div. of Fisheries and Game)		$2,735.50
Sporting license fees	Fees	150.40
Dog licenses (County of Hampshire)		1,333.75
Dog license fees	"	146.25
Dog license transfer	"	.25
Pole orders recorded	"	96.00
Business registration	"	3.00
Fuel and gas storage	"	15.50
Certified copies of B-M-D issued	"	135.00
Mortgage and terminations	"	344.00
Marriage intentions	"	92.00
Sale of By-Laws	"	17.75
	$1,000.15	$5,069.40

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Health

Following the Annual Town Meeting the Board of Health organized with the following officers: Raymond C. Gay, Chairman; Catherine L. Austin, Clerk; and Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Member at Large. To carry out the duties of the Board of Health, the following appointments were made:

Inspector of Animals: Francis M. Austin, D. V. M.
Agent-Sanitarian: John A. Brickett
Inspector of Slaughtering: Melvin F. Andrews
Report Clerk: Doris S. Squires
Special Agent to the Board of Health for Belchertown State School: Doctor Lawrence P. Bowser

Due to the death of Francis M. Austin, D. V. M., Louis J. Austin was appointed to complete his term of office. For over thirty years Doctor Austin had continuously served as a member of this Board or as its appointed officer. The members of this Board of Health sincerely regret the loss of this true servant of the public.

Routinely, the Chairman of the Board, Raymond C. Gay, accompanied by a member of the Board and/or the Sanitarian, has inspected all new septic tank installations, while he has checked all old ones whenever necessary. Thirty-four new septic tank installations were inspected during the year.

John A. Brickett, our Sanitarian, accompanied by a member of the Board, has made his regular inspections of all public eating and drinking establishments, stores, bakeries and markets. Whenever necessary, he took prompt and effectual measures to correct any deviation from the Sanitary Code of Belchertown.

Through its inoculation program the Board of Health, under the direction of Doctor Kenneth L. Collard, took active measures to prevent disease. The following clinics were held:

Poliomyelitis Clinic

April 26	403 injections
May 31	203 injections
Total	606 injections

Influenza Clinic for School Personnel

December 20	50 injections

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CLINICS

Total receipts	$524.50
Total expenditures	468.50
Deposited with Town Treasurer	$56.00

The following communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health:

Chicken pox	11
German measles	11
Measles	8
Mumps	37
Scarlet fever	3
Dog bite	22
Bacillary dysentery	7
Sonne dysentery	11
Weil's disease	1

Four premature infant births were reported to the Board of Health. None of the families concerned needed financial assistance from the town to adequately care for these infants.

In addition to the routine monthly meetings of the Board of Health, one public hearing was held, while one joint meeting with the Selectmen was held.

Unfortunately, the matter of a visiting nurse for Belchertown was tabled at the Annual Town Meeting. In many homes of Belchertown families, skilled nursing care is needed. For example, one graduate nurse made seventy home visits to the sick. Other graduate nurses are rendering similar services to the sick of Belchertown. Under this type of set-up there is little continuity to the nursing care or to the nurse giving that care. The family must trust its luck to find a nurse and to take the time that best suits the nurse. A valid criterion for judging the worth of any community is its practical concern for its young, its sick, its aged. The need for a nurse did not go away with the tabling of the article. It remains out in the community, unmet.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. GAY, Chairman
CATHERINE L. AUSTIN, Clerk
KENNETH L. COLLARD, Member at Large

REPORT OF SANITATION ADVISOR

The Honorable Board of Health
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

As Sanitation Advisor for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1961.

During the year regular inspections were made on ten restaurants, six stores or markets and one bakery. In general, the sanitary condition of the establishments in the town was satisfactory. Cooperation from the owners of these establishments was extremely fine.

One licensed piggery was inspected monthly. The condition of this business continued to meet health standards.

Eight public health nuisance complaints were investigated and abated satisfactorily. The low number of nuisnces is an indication that the people of the town take pride in their town and an interest in the health of their neighbors.

Sixty-six itinerant restaurants were inspected during Fair Day. Each establishment operated in accordance with the health regulations.

Monthly inspections were made at the trailer coach park. Continued effort is being made by the Board of Health to insure that high standards are maintained in the park at all times.

During the summer months, regular inspections were made of the town beach. Recommendations have been made to improve the area. Routine water samples were taken and analyzed to insure that the water was fit for swimming purposes.

Several Board of Health meetings were attended, and one hearing was attended to advise the Board of Health as to the appropriate action to take.

One dwelling was condemned as unfit for human habitation. The building will remain closed until the building meets standards approved by the Board of Health. Great strides are being made to insure that all housing meets the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to housing.

Two epidemiological investigations were made during 1961. Such investigations are necessary to determine why diseases exist, and ways in which they can be prevented.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the people of Belchertown for the fine cooperation that they have extended to me during 1961. With such fine cooperation, the Town of Belchertown will continue to be one of the finest and healthiest towns in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R. S.
Sanitation Advisor

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

The following report reflects the activities of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District for 1961 in administering Old Age Assistance, Medical Assistance for the Aged, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief.

During the year 77 cases were handled and 309 visits were made with a total expenditure in aid of $67,918.98. The year opened with 59 cases and closed with a total of 50 cases. Numerous hospital notices were cleared to determine responsibility for payment of hospitalization. Emphasis was placed on locating fathers in Aid to Dependent Children cases and obtaining support from them. This was accomplished with the cooperation of the District office of the Social Security Administration and the courts. In addition, recoveries totalling $4,318.24 were made.

The total net cost of administering these programs was $3,632.45 (Belchertown $2,270.28; Granby $1,362.17). The District has been operating on the basis of 62.5% of the net cost being assumed by Belchertown, and 37.5% being assumed by Granby. This basis will be continued for 1962. The cash balance at the close of the year was $2,805.40 (Belchertown $1,753.38; Granby $1,052.00). The breakdown of the expense of operating the District for 1961 is as follows.

Salaries	$8,543.75
Travel	288.63
Postage	172.66
Supplies	40.79
Telephone	160.55
Office Rent	720.00
Office Maintenance	17.55
Compensation Insurance	94.18

Fire Insurance	15.00
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor & Legal Expense	84.20
Legislative Information	7.50
Meetings, Dues, Conference	29.40
Miscellaneous	21.24
Druggist Blue Book	9.00
Hampshire County Assessment	606.00
Hospital Insurance	222.80
Group Life Insurance	31.18
Total Operating Cost	$11,076.43
Less Reimbursements	7,443.98
Net Operating Cost	$3,632.45

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND W. RANDALL
Clerk,
Welfare District Committee
LENA N. WILSON
Director

Report of Welfare District Director

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The following report summarizes the services performed by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District for the Town of Belchertown during 1961.

Fifty-six cases were handled which involved 90 persons, 251 visits were made, and the total expenditure for aid was $54,197.93. The Town of Belchertown now holds 13 Old Age Assistance liens and recoveries made during the year were $4,318.24. The year closed with 26 Old Age Assistance cases, 6 Medical Assistance for the Aged cases, 2 Disability Assistance cases, and 5 Aid to Dependent Children cases which include 12 children. The net cost to Belchertown for administration through the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $2,270.28.

Through legislative action during the year, the Aid to Dependent Children program was expanded and the Medical Assistance for the Aged program was clarified.

A breakdown of expenditures and reimbursements in the various categories of assistance follows.

	Expenditures	*Reimbursements*	*Net Cost*
Old Age Assistance	$27,065.25	$24,216.95	$2,848.30
Medical Assistance for the Aged	16,655.53	15,769.98	885.55
Aid to Dependent Children	4,362.10	4,712.49	cr. 350.39
Disability Assistance	5,243.10	4,677.15	565.95
General Relief	871.95	149.60	722.35
Total	$54,197.93	$49,526.17	$4,671.76
Board Salaries	425.00	149.93	275.07
Total	$54,622.93	$49,676.10	$4,946.83
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District			2,270.28
Total net cost for all categories of assistance and the administration thereof for 1961			$7,217.11

This office appreciates the cooperation received from your Board and regrets the loss of Mr. Raymond Gay, Chairman of the Board of Welfare and a member of the Welfare District Committee. We are also grateful for the cooperation of the various Town Officials and for the ambulance service furnished by the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA N. WILSON
Director,
Belchertown-Granby
Welfare District

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

Cash in Treasury, 1-1-61	$2,446.52	
Receipts, 1961, from—Federal	3,944.00	
State	3,486.92	
Belchertown, town of	2,494.29	
Granby, town of	1,497.04	
Miscellaneous	2,059.39	
		$15,928.16
Expenditures, 1961	$13,122.76	
Cash in Treasury, 12-31-61	2,805.40	
		$15,928.16
Wages earned during 1961 (3 employees)	$8,543.75	
Deductions (Taxes, insurance, retirement)	2,046.33	
Net wages paid employees	$6,497.42	

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer
(Memorial Hall, Belchertown)

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1961. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1961.

Crimes Against Persons:	
Assault and Battery	2
Rape Assault to, and Attempt	2
Robbery, Assault to and Attempt	1
Crimes Against Property:	
Breaking, Entering, and Larceny	4
Malicious Mischief	38
Search Warrant	1
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Town By-Laws	1
Driving Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life	1
Driving Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	3
Drunkenness	6
Fish and Game Laws	7
Lord's Day Violating	3
Motor Vehicle Laws Violating	197
Neglect or Desertion of Family	7
Nonpayment of Wages	2
Vagrants	1
Assisting Patient to Escape	1
Total	277

The above totals are Crimes Against Persons 5, Crimes Against Property 43, Crimes Against Public Order 229. Of these 277 offenses 188 were prosecuted in the District Court by our local police. This compares with 150 local prosecutions in 1960. The State Police prosecuted 89 offenses compared with 81 in 1960. In 1961 we had

5 Juvenile cases in Northampton District Court. This compares with 5 cases in 1960.

The Police Ambulance made 51 trips to hospitals in our vicinity, 11 more trips than in 1960. The old Ambulance has been replaced by another model, which will be formally presented to the town from the Police Association at a later date.

81 Traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1961, this is 7 more than in 1960. There was 1 fatal, the first in 22 months. This department has answered 873 complaints, and has received and delivered emergency messages to persons having no telephones. We have served 84 summonses and handled 643 Motor Vehicle transfers.

We have issued 23 pistol permits, of this number 17 were renewals and 6 were new permits. Each new applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. We have issued 4 dealers' licenses in town.

Road patrols were maintained on Sunday afternoons and 3 nights each week from about April 1st to the last of December. Our Church traffic was handled by Regular and Special Police who are paid for this duty. The School patrol is covered by School Traffic Officers who are paid out of the Police Department Budget.

The Bicentennial Celebration created great activity for this department, and the excellent cooperation and interest of each officer facilitated the handling of this event. A total of 98 officers was on duty for the parade and much thanks goes to the State Police, the Police Departments of Amherst, Granby, Monson, Ware, Holyoke and our local department for their willing service.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Special Officers for their many hours of volunteer service. I am especially grateful for the daytime assistance they have given when a regular officer has not been available. My Sincere Thanks to All of Them.

My thanks also to the Regular and Auxiliary Police, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Commission, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and my department.

My sincere thanks to all the Townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen,

The Fire Department answered a total of 38 calls during the year 1961:

13 Building fires
19 Grass and Brush fires
3 Automobile fires
3 Resuscitator calls

Estimated damage to buildings was $8,185.00; and to contents was $2,500.00. The department cooperated with other town departments to make our Bicentennial successful. The fire station was painted outside during 1961, and much of the inside was painted. A large part of the inside redecoration was done by department members.

Twelve members received certificates for successful completion of 20 hours of advanced course in fire fighting.

Our continued thanks go to the faithful Belchertown State School telephone operators who so efficiently man our telephone operated alarm system.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested & Sealed January 1, 1961 - December 31, 1961

Scales 10,000 lbs. and over	2
Scales 100 lbs. and over	4
Scales under 100 lbs.	21
Weights	10
Gasoline Pumps	18

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $43.50.

RAYMOND C. GAY
Sealer of Weights & Measures

Report of Tree Warden
AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent:

During the year 1961, the Tree Dept. trimmed low limbs and dead wood. It removed many dangerous and undesirable trees.

We also planted thirteen Rock Maples and seven Norway Maples, at the request of the citizens who needed them. This will be done again in 1962.

There were two storms that did damage to healthy trees.

The Dutch Elm Dept. removed forty condemned Elm trees. Also removed were nine Staghorns (trees too dead to get a sample from to culture).

Insect Pest Control: We sprayed once with 9% D.D.T., before foliage appeared, and again with 6% D.D.T., after foliage was out. We also sprayed Poison Ivy with 245T and 24D spray.

Respectfully submitted:
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners held a meeting shortly after assuming office. Mr. Harvey Lincourt was designated as chairman.

As in the previous year, mowing in the cemeteries was done by contract, all cemeteries were mowed as often as necessary to keep them in good condition.

The heavy growth of brush around South Cemetery was cleared away.

Loam was brought to all cemeteries and used to fill in sunken graves. These newly filled areas were then re-seeded. Two large loads of loam were used in Mt. Hope in this manner, three loads were used in South Cemetery, one load each in the others.

The stone wall in Mt. Hope was repaired—missing stones replaced and loose stones re-cemented.

New fence posts were set out to replace broken or missing posts in four of the cemeteries.

Minor repairs were done on the tool shed in Mt. Hope and it was given two coats of paint.

The problem of what to do about the fence for the new section of Mt. Hope still exists. The fencing was purchased over five years ago, and it is still lying on the ground, never having been erected due to lack of funds.

Repair work on the vault has not been done due to lack of funds.

Both these problems were reported last year.

Again may we ask that parents counsel their children against playing in the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY A. LINCOURT
LINCOLN A. COOK
ELWYN H. BOCK

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

A brief account of the Sewer Department's activities for the calendar year 1961 are summed up as follows:

A. Four new connections were added to the system, bringing the total number of services up to 230.

B. Meter houses, numbers one and two, located at the State School, were repaired and painted. The meters in these houses were serviced and repaired.

C. All manholes within the system were inspected. Necessary repairs were made to the base of the manhole at the rear of the Pierce property on the Federal Street trunk line.

D. Brush along the sewer line right of way was cut off again to keep the right of way readily accessible.

E. All stoppages on the main line and house service branches were promptly cleared.

F. A new, much needed trench diagphragm type pump, plus additional cleaning equipment, were purchased.

The Sewer and Water Departments now meet jointly on the second Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DONALD HAZEN, Chairman
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
HELEN L. PAPP
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

This year the committee had a very successful year. Many improvements have been made, those at the Town Beach included several loads of sand brought in by the Highway Dept. More gravel is needed at the beach area itself, and to the left where there is stagnant water, to keep the area free of places for mosquitoes to breed. An officer was available during the swimming program this year; this annual program was under the direction of David DesJardins, of the University of Massachusetts, and sponsored by the Red Cross, beginning this year on June 29 and ending July 27. Total enrollment was 147, with average daily attendance 95, indicating that the program is eagerly accepted by the town. As in past years, our thanks go to Misses Susan Skinner and Judy Dana who volunteered to help with the younger groups, and it was suggested by the instructor that they receive a salary for their much needed help, and be sent to Red Cross Aquatics School, in order to receive their Instructor Certificates to better the program next year. Other recommendations for future years made in Mr. DesJardins' report, were: erection of an H style dock on the western side of the beach; arrangements for free transportation of youngsters; purchase of a Johnson and Johnson mouth to mouth Respirator to be added to First Aid Equipment; a life-guard for afternoon duty, and gate for nighttime use to prevent current vandalism.

The Town Beach Association did not function as much this year, but hope was expressed that the committee might be made a permanent one.

Parson's Field was kept in use six and seven days a week for nearly all summer, and was the site of some of the Bi-centennial events in September. In spite of the heavy schedule of activities, some work was done to improve the field, more fill was brought in and leveled off to the left of home plate. The grass was kept in excellent condition by being mowed on an average of every two weeks. In addition to the usual baseball and softball schedule, an average of 15 youngsters practiced their baton twirling for one hour on Saturday mornings. A new Sandlot League for boys from 8-14 was organized by Mike Forgue and Earl McCallum, with an enrollment of 80 eager boys. Enthusiasm was so great that practice sessions had to be divided into morning and afternoon sessions, three days a week. Jerseys and equipment for the teams were paid for by a food sale and Tag Day, with boys and parents included in the money-raising activities. Several games were arranged both here and out of town besides the many scrimmage games played toward the end of the season. By invitation of the manager of the Red Sox, the whole group were guests at Fenway Park for a Red Sox-Los Angeles game in August, and thanks are extended to Mr. Ayers for the use of his bus for the trip. Many townspeople volunteered time and energy to this program, both working with the boys and improving the condition of the field. A start was made on a new field located off Federal Street, to be used especially for Sandlot and Little League games, because it was felt that if Parsons Field continues to be used to the full extent that it is now being used, more space will definitely be needed; however, this may not be finished for safe use for an estimated two or three years, as the work being done is on a volunteer basis. We are in great need of a drinking fountain at Parsons Field. Many thanks go to Bill Young, who has done so much for us there every year.

In conclusion, the committee feels that with the proper help and guidance, and a little more cooperation with townspeople and interested parties, both the town beach and Parsons Field can continue to be improved and made into very nice places for townsfolk to spend time with their families and enjoy summer outdoor activities. By working together, we can accomplish the things which should be done, and have more to offer our youngsters in the way of recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TOLPA, JR.
WILLARD YOUNG
MRS. JOHN FLAHERTY

Report of Civil Defense Director

Man's eternal search for dominance over his environment has at last been rewarded by the power to eliminate it altogether, including himself. Each year since the United States unleashed the first atomic bomb against Japan, at that time measured in kiloton or thousands of tons of TNT equivalent, the power of nuclear weapons has doubled, until now they are measured in megatons, or millions of tons of TNT equivalent. No expert anywhere can tell us the exact size of our and the Soviet Union's combined nuclear stockpile, but it can conservatively be estimated at well over 50,000 megatons. However, it is no secret that only ten to fifteen percent of this stockpile, used effectively, could reduce the entire continental United States or the entire Soviet Union to a cinder. The result would be much like holding the earth for a few seconds in relatively close proximity to the sun. Is there a defense against such an eventuality?

Your director was appointed in November, 1961 and has served these past four months without pay. His time has been devoted almost exclusively to research on the problems posed by the present situation, to study the Federal civil defense program, and to pondering realistic proposals to make to his community.

He has come to the conclusion, first of all, that nuclear warfare is a suicidal phantasy. Nor can there be a small or limited nuclear war. A "small" attack upon us would bring "massive retaliation," which would result in still more massive counter retaliation, and in a few hours the clock would race backwards a few millennia. Next, he believes that the current federal program of installing community fallout shelters is unrealistic and potentially dangerous. What would happen if a few hundred panicked individuals rushed for a public shelter designed for fifty persons? Might the casualties of a false alarm or even the real thing not be greater with a shelter than without? As to private fallout shelters, your director feels that any person who is comforted by having one should have one and he will provide every assistance to this end.

Finally, as to a community program, your director would like to make the following recommendations. A civil defense system, directed primarily against natural disasters, should be maintained. However, rather than being maintained as a separate entity in charge of a layman director, it should be consolidated with an active town department such as police or fire. The chief should be designated civil defense director and the budget, the supplies and the space should be turned over to him and his department. Such consolidation would strengthen the resources of the department and aid its operations in a small community such as ours, where it might not in a city or more populous town. For this reason it is not recommended by the state Civil Defense Director, whose program must be applicable everywhere. Nevertheless for budgetary, man power and efficiency reasons, it has much to recommend it for Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY RENOUF

Civil Defense Director

Report of War Memorial Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The War Memorial Committee established by vote of the town meeting on November 23, 1959, herewith submits its final report.

After some discussion, the recommended Memorial consisting of a granite base with suitable placques and a flag-pole to be erected on the old flag-pole site on the Common, was accepted by vote of the town and the available funds were appropriated for the committee's use.

Alderman & McNiesh, Architects, drew the plans and specifications. Bids were called for and T. L. Dorsey of Amherst, the successful bidder, did an excellent job in completing his contract.

For a period of over 15 months, the committee, ably assisted by Mrs. Doris Squires, sent out hundreds of letters and questionnaires, spent many hours and covered many miles endeavoring to locate every possible veteran from Belchertown whose service in World War I, World War II, and Korea, qualified the inclusion of their names on this Roll of Honor.

As of this report we know of only one eligible name that was inadvertantly omitted and a plate has been ordered to amend this oversight. Provision has been made for the addition of further names if any exist, who should be included.

Our goal for completion was the Bicentennial Celebration. With the cooperation of the Bicentennial Committee, on September 23, 1961, before a large and thoughtful gathering of home folks and visitors, the War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated. There it stands, a symbol of love and memory to those who gave their all, a permanent mark of recognition to those who served our country in its hour of need, a public token of our town's grateful appreciation, and a lasting reminder of the activities of our Bicentennial year. May the thrill of Old Glory, again flying proudly from our hilltop, inspire and strengthen our efforts toward the attainment of a just and permanent peace.

In closing, we mourn the passing of our fellow committee member Charles F. Austin, whose help in this project was most valuable.

We thank the many who assisted us in numerous ways, and we are grateful for having had the opportunity to serve our town in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chairman
LEWIS H. BLACKMER
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
WILLIAM N. SQUIRES, JR.
ROY F. WHIDDEN

WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Saturday, September 23, 1961
at 10.30 a. m.

PROGRAM

March	Belchertown High School Band
Invocation	Rev. George R. Dudley
Unveiling of the Memorial	James R. Dahlgren R. Philip Dahlgren
Dedicatory Verses	Lewis H. Blackmer
Presentation of Flag and Raising of the Colors	
Star Spangled Banner	High School Band
Calling of the Memorial Roll and placing of flowers	
Hymn	High School Band
Dedicatory Address	Col. William E. Parker
Benediction	Rev. Harold W. Curtis

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Isaac A. Hodgen
William H. Squires, Jr.
Roy H. Whidden

Lewis H. Blackmer
Frederick E. Lincoln
Charles F. Austin

DEDICATORY VERSES

By Lewis H. Blackmer

at the Dedication of the
Belchertown War Memorial
September 23, 1961

Two hundred years, and still men fight
And die for causes which they think are right.
They ask not that their names be cast
In bronze, or that their memory last,
But we feel strongly that they should
Be listed 'mongst the fine and good—
These ones who answered Freedom's call,
And gave their bit or gave their all.
Cement walls may fence freedom in,
And those who perpetrate it grin,
But sure as we stand here today,
Ir there should be no other way,
Men still will dedicate their lives
'gainst evil, wheresoe'er it lies.
No tablet we can raise today,
Our debt to such can fully pay.
Thank God a never ending stream
Still follows Freedom's gleam.

Report of Veterans' Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown

In the year 1961 about one-third of the budget was spent. This was due to the economic situation and the availability of jobs. State 50 percent. return to the town of the monies expended. Other activity included assistance in securing pensions from the V. A. and referral to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission for retraining and possible return to gainful employment. Office hours are maintained on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p. m. in the selectmen's office, for the convenience of Veterans and their dependents.

Respectfully submitted
FRANK J. KOSIBA
Veterans' Agent

Report of the Bicentennial Committee

In response to a motion passed at the 1960 town meeting, the town voted $500.00 as an advance appropriation to be used to begin preparations for the town Bicentennial celebration. The selectmen appointed Frank Grover, Julia Shumway, Fred Lincoln, Bernadette Bowler, and Margot Boyle to draw up plans for the observance. They also requested that Lewis Blackmer, Ella Stebbins, Belle Peck, Walter Blackmer, Edward Bartlett, Andrew Sears, Sr., and Ethel Collis serve on an honorary committee. (The town was greatly saddened by the death of the one member of the honorary committee who bore the name of one of the original settlers, and who had, for countless years, willingly volunteered her wealth of information regarding Belchertown's history.)

Because conditions prevented them from continuing their work on the general committee, the resignations of Frank Grover and Julia Shumway were accepted with great regret and E. Clifton Witt, later to serve as chairman, and Harold Peck were named to fill these vacancies. Bernadette Bowler served as treasurer, and Margot Boyle as secretary.

The first duties of the committee consisted of the construction of floats to be entered in the anniversary celebrations of Easthampton, Quaboag Plantation, Monson, and Ware.

At a special town meeting in July of 1960, an additional sum of $5,000.00 was appropriated by the voters present and added to the Bicentennial budget.

Also in July, all town organizations were invited to send representatives to a dinner at which tentative plans were discussed. Many of the ideas which came forth at this gathering were incorporated into the celebration.

The official program of the Bicentennial began on September 22, 1961, with open house at the State School. On Friday evening, Al Strohman's orchestra played for the Bicentennial Ball, at which

Martha Mathras was crowned Queen of the Bicentennial, attended by Christine Squires, Penny Baker, Denise Miron, and Kathy Austin.

On Saturday, townspeople and visitors viewed the dedication of the War Memorial, a most appropriate beginning to the day's activities, a baton twirling exhibition, a 4-H horse show and dog obedience class, a Girl Scout dance revue, exhibition square and round dancing, the beard judging contest, a demonstration of fire-fighting equipment, and an 18th century class in session at Dwight School. Groups visited the Stone House and sipped tea on its lawn.

Both Protestant churches served dinners on Saturday night, and four hundred lucky people viewed the excellent pageant depicting the town's history. There were crowds of spectators and dancers later that evening at the square dance on the Common.

Church services opened the Sunday program, and St. Francis served brunch after its Masses. The spectacular parade began at 2:30, and was composed of approximately one hundred and fifty units, entered by town organizations and neighboring communities. The final Bicentennial salute was a coffee hour sponsored by the Democratic town committee at which visiting dignitaries were entertained.

To supplement the Bicentennial booklet, which contained countless pictures and anecdotes of "Old Belchertown," the committee arranged for two movie films of all official events of the celebration.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures

Decorating of town buildings and auditorium for ball	$ 862.44
Rent and making of costumes	57.22
Painting of backdrop for pageant	25.00
Expenses for ball and flowers for queen and court	678.30
Printing of booklets, tickets, letterheads	1,268.09
Drum corps and rental of horses and trucks	927.60
Signs for advertising purposes	218.45
Equipment for movie films	337.66
Caretakers for rest rooms	100.00
Painting and repairing of Old Town Hall	83.50
Suppers for police	125.00
Police traffic duty	305.00
Refreshments for guests and marchers	570.36
Postage and telephone	20.30
Parking by high school	50.00
Secretarial services	75.00
Insurance	39.15

Commission for sale of booklets	155.00
Wages to town employees	89.60
Miscellaneous	19.81
	$6,007.48
Receipts	
Carried forward January 1, 1961	5,310.50
From Louis' Foods in lieu of float	100.00
From ball committee	843.64
Refund from Nancy Bock (paid twice)	25.00
From booklet committee	632.75
From pageant committee	27.50
Total receipts	$6,939.39
Total expenditure	$6,007.48
Balance	$ 931.91

Ate this time, the Bicentennial committee would like to place two recommendations before the town:

1. that the money remaining in the Bicentennial budget be used for sending units to represent the town in other anniversary celebrations.
2. that the original movie film be stored permanently in the safe in the office of the town clerk, and that the copy be let out, by the clerk, for not more than three days at a time, to groups and organizations of the town.

A large percentage of Belchertown's population worked diligently on the many Bicentennial sub-committees. To these and to all who volunteered support and cooperation during the planning and execution of the celebration, the general committee expresses its heartfelt appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CLIFTON WITT, Chairman
BERNADETTE BOWLER, Treasurer
FRED LINCOLN
HAROLD PECK
MARGOT BOYLE, Secretary

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1961

ASSETS	
CASH	$179,450.37
TAXES:	
Levy of 1959	
Real Estate	74.37
Levy of 1960	
Polls	8.00
Personal Property	255.42
Real Estate	2,724.34
Levy of 1961	
Polls	38.00
Personal Property	1,028.84
Real Estate	25,898.55
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE:	
Levy of 1959	38.48
Levy of 1960	713.90
Levy of 1961	10,170.29
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:	
Levy of 1961	74.79
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
Sewer Rentals of 1960	30.00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Tailings	$350.12
Insurance Reserve	846.53
Teachers' Health Insurance	126.09
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	1,042.17
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund Income	437.50
Calvin Bridgman H. S. Fund	4.00
War Memorial Fund	325.31
Walter Pratt Private Trust	6.00
Dog Licenses	13.00
FEDERAL GRANTS:	
O. A. A.	2,781.16
O. A. A. Administration	372.27
Medical Assistance to Aged	2,607.50
Medical Assistance to Aged, Admin.	32.09
A. D. C.	1,031.00
A. D. C., Administration	9.01
D. A.	559.85
D. A., Administration	87.45
Public Law 874	10,676.79
Public Law 85-864	1,376.82

Sewer Rentals of 1961	220.00	STATE:	
Special Sewer Betterment	1,168.10	O. A. A., Administration	73.10
TAX TITLES:	199.74	Medical Assist. to Aged, Admin.	16.05
TAX POSSESSIONS:	495.94	A. D. C., Administration	7.97
DEPARTMENTAL:		Smith Hughes—George Barden Fund	240.00
O. A. A.	341.27	REVOLVING FUNDS:	
A. D. C.	472.99	School Lunch	570.51
Highways	75.25	High School Athletic Fund	106.37
AID TO HIGHWAYS:		OVERESTIMATE:	
State	19,339.94	County Tax	449.85
County	500.00	APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES	11,417.19
RETIREMENT:	.37	Sale of Real Estate	813.68
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	6.26	Sale of Cemetery Lots	490.00
Group Life Insurance	1.21	Road Machinery Earnings	4,156.44
State Recreation Areas	257.54	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	6,467.92
Revenue of 1962	211.12	Overlays reserved for Abatements:	
Dog Officer	86.00	1959	74.37
		1960	2,877.96
		1961	1,633.42
		REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	10,922.67
		Farm Animal Excise	74.79
		Special Assessments	1,418.10
		Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	695.63
		DEPARTMENTAL:	
		Aid to Highways	19,839.94
		SURPLUS REVENUE	153,635.75
		O. A. A. Recoveries	4,318.24
	243,881.08		$243,881.08

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:		Inside the Debt Limit:	
General	115,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	21,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit:	121,000.00	School Building Loan 1952	94,000.00
		Outside the Debt Limit:	
	$245,075.61	School Building Loan 1952	121,000.00
	$236,000.00		$236,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities in custody of the Treasurer	136,271.39	Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	582.03
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,084.52
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,075.00
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,683.10
		Calvin Bridgman H. S. Fund	6,124.40
		Whiting Street Fund	10,780.78
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,406.25
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	30,922.43
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	112.88
		Stabilization Fund	75,000.00
	$136,271.39		$136,271.39

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1961

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Moderator, Expenses	$10.00		$10.00	
Selectmen, Salaries	1,275.00		1,275.00	
Selectmen, Expense	400.00	T 210.00	585.09	24.91
Town Accountant, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00		67.02	7.98
Treasurer, Salary	1,700.00		1,700.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,045.00	T 17.94	1,062.94	
Collector, Salary	2,100.00		2,100.00	
Collector, Expense	1,275.00		1,275.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	1,850.00	R 64.13	1,911.88	
Finance Committee	90.00		61.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	513.00		513.00	
Law for use of Assessors	3,500.00		3,500.00	
Law Account	500.00	T 357.00	357.00	
Elections and Registrations	995.00	T 405.10	1,374.09	26.01
Planning Board	620.00		605.00	15.00
Old Town Hall	900.00		823.46	76.54
Lawrence Memorial Hall	500.00	T 350.00	679.66	170.34
Town Barn	1,200.00		1,170.25	29.75
Police Department	7,000.00	T 740.00	7,736.07	1.93
Fire Department	3,800.00		3,799.09	.91
Clean & Repair Water Holes	300.00			300.00
Insect Pest Control	700.00		680.00	20.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00		1,197.95	2.05
Tree Warden	1,400.00		1,399.35	.65
Forest Fire Account	1,000.00		998.33	1.67
Hydrant Service	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Building Inspector	150.00			150.00
Wire Inspector	300.00		300.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	120.00		120.00	
Dog Officer, Expense	50.00	T 10.00	60.00	
Civilian Defense	300.00		46.86	253.14
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	1,275.00	T 140.10	1,415.10	
Sewer Commissioners, Salary	350.00		350.00	

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Sewer Maintenance	4,000.00	R 2.75	3,757.84	244.91
Town Dump	770.00		643.77	126.23
Highways—Chapt. 81	35,325.00		35,313.43	11.57
Chapt. 90 C	24,000.00	C 117.82	24,116.65	1.17
Chapt. 90 M	6,000.00		5,999.56	.44
Streets	1,800.00		1,799.81	.19
Brush	2,500.00		2,496.50	3.50
Boardman St.	600.00		600.00	
Cold Spring Rd.	400.00	T .01	400.01	
Gold St.	1,200.00		1,196.30	3.70
Hamilton St.	400.00		400.00	
Geo. Hannum St.	1,200.00		1,198.57	1.43
Shea Avenue	500.00		500.00	
South St.	1,200.00		1,199.50	.50
So. Wash. St.	1,200.00		1,199.25	.75
Warren Wright	1,200.00		1,199.92	.08
Highways, Bridges	3,600.00	T 225.35	3,825.35	
Highways, Sidewalks	250.00		241.14	8.86
Jabish St. S. W.		C 394.15	392.50	1.65
Federal St. S. W.	1,000.00		991.31	.69
Land Damage, Route 21	600.00		600.00	
Highways—Snow Removal	9,000.00	T 1,299.30	10,299.30	
Road Mach. E.	6,200.00		6,186.82	13.18
Street Lighting	6,180.00		5,750.29	429.71
New Sander	6,740.00			6,740.00
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Assistance	37,500.00	R 122.20	27,216.90	10,405.30
Veterans Agent, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans' Benefits	4,700.00		1,604.15	3,095.85
School Dept., General Cont.	13,900.00		13,823.36	76.64
Instruction	188,393.00		187,046.90	1,346.10
Operation	28,000.00		27,815.37	184.63
Reps. & Repl.	8,500.00		8,496.01	3.99
Transportation	35,926.00		35,653.88	272.12
Miscellaneous	1,510.00		1,397.12	112.88
Cap. Outlay	4,500.00		4,500.00	
Health	5,392.00		5,320.67	71.33
H. H. Arts	6,767.00		6,451.09	315.91
Library	602.00		523.09	78.91

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
School Building Committee		C 10,000.00	7,776.47	2,223.53
New School Building Com.	3,000.00			3,000.00
Real Estate for School	8,400.00		8,400.00	
Real Estate for School	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Vocational Education	13,160.00		12,685.18	474.82
Clapp Memorial Library	2,389.24	State 1,089.06	2,276.96	1,201.34
Parsons Field	350.00		239.89	110.11
Town Common	200.00		194.80	5.20
Summer Recreation	450.00		374.95	75.05
Unclassified	500.00		234.06	256.94
Printing 1960 Assessed Val.	700.00		683.13	16.87
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00		985.00	15.00
Memorial Day Services	200.00	T 4.75	204.75	
Veterans' Day	60.00		60.00	
Veterans' Graves	200.00		200.00	
Insurance	9,933.18	R 304.24	8,749.81	1,490.61
Bicentennial Committee	5,310.50	CR 1,628.89	6,007.48	931.91
Town History	175.75	C		175.75
Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00		5,359.55	640.45
Cemetery Expense	2,000.00	*&T 1,494.97	3,486.79	8.18
Interest	7,010.00		5,841.15	1,168.85
Maturing Debt	22,000.00		22,000.00	
Retirement	4,085.00		4,085.00	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	3,900.00		3,685.84	214.16
Group Life Insurance	865.00		850.02	14.98

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1961

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 $21,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1962 $2,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 121,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1962 11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 94,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1962 9,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund To:

Elections & Registrations	405.10
Cemeteries	400.00
Memorial Hall	350.00
Highways—Cold Spring Rd.	.01
Dog Officer's Expense	10.00
Selectmen's Expense	210.00
Highways—Bridges	225.35
Police Department	740.00
Law Account	357.00
Memorial Day Services	4.75

Board of Health Expense	140.10	
Road Machinery Earnings	1,200.00	
Treasurer's Expense	17.94	
Highways—Snow Removal	1,299.30	$5,359.51

I certify that, as Town Accountant, I have examined the cash accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

January 18, 1962

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Notary Public

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1959		
Poll	2.00	
Personal	474.49	
Real Estate	2,116.14	2,592.63
Levy of 1960		
Poll	30.00	
Personal	513.91	
Real Estate	21,439.74	21,983.65
Levy of 1961		
Poll	1,890.00	
Personal	31,403.67	
Real Estate	281,590.88	314,884.55
FROM THE STATE:		
Lieu of Taxes	1,497.99	
Loss of Taxes	4,708.87	
Income Tax	5,488.00	
Corporation (Business Franchise)	12,741.49	24,436.35
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,400.00	
All other	298.00	2,698.00
PERMITS:		
Marriage		92.00

FORFEITS & FINES:		
Court Fines	377.25	
Tax Fees	1,143.80	1,521.05
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance	15,260.10	
Medical Assistance	9,656.19	
Medical Assistance administration	32.09	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,943.00	
Disability	1,615.60	
Disability administration	13.81	
Public Law #874	9,824.00	
Public Law #85-864	2,852.82	42,197.61
STATE:		
O. A. A. (Meals Tax)	1,744.10	
Vocational Education	10,043.65	
Union Superintendent	6,666.66	
School Aid, Chapt. 70	43,250.13	
Transportation	30,702.85	
School Building Aid	11,416.79	
Employers' Compensation	32.82	103,857.00
COUNTY:		
Dog Fund	389.24	
Wild Cat Bounty	20.00	409.24
COMMERCIAL REVENUE:		
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Sewer Rentals of 1960	55.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1961	4,570.00	
Apportioned Betterment	433.46	
Miscellaneous Connections	27.75	5,086.21
PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1958	7.53	
Levy of 1959	44.22	
Levy of 1960	17,243.58	
Levy of 1961	46,121.29	63,416.62

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:		
Levy of 1960	101.24	
Levy of 1961	651.74	752.98
DEPARTMENTAL:		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Collector	1,020.00	
Town Clerk	908.15	1,928.15
Municipal Buildings:		
Rent of Old Town Hall	88.00	
Rent of Lawrence Memorial Hall	120.00	208.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Police:		
Permits to carry & sell	72.00	
Sale of Old Cruiser	35.00	107.00
Fire:		
Fire Permits	72.00	
All other	41.00	113.00
Inspection:		
Building Inspector	69.00	
Wire Inspector	94.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	43.50	206.50
Other Protection of Persons & Property:		
Dog Officer	718.00	718.00
HEALTH & SANITATION:		
Licenses & Permits	115.00	
From Polio Clinic	56.00	171.00
HIGHWAYS:		
From the State	62,307.89	
From the County	9,500.00	
Damage to Fence on Route 21	46.13	
For Snow Removal on Route 21	423.38	
Sale of V Type Snowplow	500.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	8,027.75	80,805.15
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Reimbursement for Relief:		

From Cities & Towns	460.95	
From Individuals	37.50	
From State (Temp. Aid)	164.10	662.55
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance:		
From MDC	244.29	
From Individuals	6.70	
From Cities & Towns	313.13	
From State	6,544.93	
From State for administration	73.10	7,182.15
Reimbursement of Medical Assistance:		
From State	6,068.79	
From State for administration	16.05	6,084.84
Reimbursement for Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	1,233.55	
From State for administration	7.97	1,241.52
Reimbursement of Disability:		
From State	3,061.55	
From State for administration	6.91	3,068.46
VETERANS' SERVICES:		
Reimbursement for relief:		
From State		1,483.42
SCHOOLS:		
High School Athletic Fund	804.96	
School Lunch from State	12,038.29	
School Lunch from Individuals	33,962.79	
Smith Hughes-George Barden Fund	240.00	
Tuition & Transportation	7,891.51	54,937.55
LIBRARIES:		
To Clapp Memorial Library from State		1,089.06
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS:		
TRUST FUNDS		
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	2,931.76	
Whiting Street Poor Fund	19.93	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	146.32	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund Income	437.50	

Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00	
George D. Longley Music Fund	45.42	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	155.95	
War Memorial Fund	5,951.11	9,707.99
AGENCY:		
Dog Licenses	1,333.75	
Sporting Licenses	2,735.50	4,069.25
Federal Withholding Taxes	37,024.54	
Retirement	3,327.72	
State Withholding Taxes	2,707.09	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,421.73	
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,559.12	
Group Life Insurance	790.08	
Insurance Reserve	846.53	49,676.81
RECREATION:		
Rent of Town Common	200.00	
Lease of Lots at Lake Arcadia	10.00	
From the Bicentennial Committee	1,628.89	1,838.89
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Certificate of Lien	2.00	
Dept. of Agriculture	150.00	162.00
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	70.00	
Perpetual Care	300.00	
From Perpetual Care Fund to Town Cemeteries	1,094.97	1,464.97
INTEREST:		
On Deposits	1,002.82	
On Deferred Taxes	759.45	
On Committed Interest	38.05	1,800.32
MUNICIPAL LOANS:		
In Anticipation of Revenue		90,000.00
REFUNDS:		
From Insurance	466.73	
General Relief	58.50	

Public Assistance	84.70	
Civilian Defense	1.70	
Highways	271.58	885.96
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		4,318.24
		$907,858.67
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1961		181,033.54
		1,088,892.21

EXPENDITURES

MODERATOR			10.00
SELECTMEN:			
Salaries			1,275.00
Expense:			
Clerical	192.75		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	43.47		
Telephone	145.39		
Office Supplies	24.44		
Association Dues	25.00		
Attendance at Association Dinners	11.10		
Selectmen's Expenses	100.00		
Cartage, Keys etc.	9.75		
Book—Massachusetts Government	7.69		585.09
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:			
Salary			900.00
Expense:			
Office supplies		26.53	
Printing & Postage		18.88	
Association Dues		5.00	
To Conference		13.86	
Copy of George Longley Will		2.75	67.02
STATE AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS			1,622.95
TREASURER:			
Salary			1,700.00
Expense:			
Clerical		509.97	

Surety Bond	176.59	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	199.88	
Office Supplies	9.45	
Travel to & from Bank	76.25	
Association Dues	6.00	
Putney Bowles Co.	70.20	
Telephone	12.60	1,062.94
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary		2,100.00
Expense:		
Clerical	521.51	
Surety Bond	304.57	
Deputy's Bond	10.00	
Association Dues	6.00	
Office Supplies	50.83	
Postage & Printing	357.34	
Telephone	24.75	1,275.00
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries		1,300.00
Expense:		
Clerical	886.08	
Printing Postage & Stationery	133.60	
Auto Hire	84.80	
Maintaining Revaluation	343.30	
Camera & Films	94.59	
Association Dues	12.00	
Telephone	121.08	
Repairs to Office machine	34.90	
Attending Conferences	42.00	
Registry of Deeds	95.40	1,911.88
FINANCE COMMITTEE:		
Expense:		
Clerical	8:00	
Association Dues	25.00	
Attendance at Conferences	28.00	61.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary		900.00
Expense:		
Clerical	250.85	

Repairs to Typewriter	41.25	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	74.03	
Surety Bond	10.00	
Association Dues	9.50	513.00
LAW FOR USE OF ASSESSORS:		
O'Brien & Welch, Attorneys		3,500.00
LAW ACCOUNT:		
Morse & Morse, Attorneys	757.00	
All other Attorneys	100.00	857.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS:		
Registrars	92.75	
Election Officers	596.98	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	278.16	
Clerical	118.33	
Posting Warrants	35.00	
Street Listing	246.87	
Posting Notices	6.00	1,374.09
PLANNING BOARD:		
Association Dues	5.00	
Planning Consultant	600.00	605.00
OLD TOWN HALL:		
Janitor's Salary	175.20	
Fuel	264.62	
Lights	115.09	
Janitor's Supplies	22.90	
Repairs to Hall	150.65	
Floor Sealer	43.50	
Rustoscale	17.50	
Boiler Service	34.00	823.46
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:		
Janitor's Salary	60.00	
Lights	273.65	
Replacing shrubs in front of building	200.00	
Electrical Repairs	34.50	
New light in Selectmen's Office	44.52	
Floor Sealer	65.25	
Miscellaneous	1.74	679.66

TOWN BARN:		
SALT BIN:		
Wages	113.65	
Lumber	54.40	173.05
REPAIRS:		
Wages	499.80	
Repairs	281.34	
Bituminous Concrete	85.91	
Hired Equipment	12.30	
Lumber & Cement	117.85	997.20
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Constables, Sundry Wages	3,023.13	
Special Police, Wages	1,083.62	
School Traffic Officers, Wages	979.25	
Mileage, Sundry Persons	148.45	
Court, Chief and Deputy Chief	672.17	
Association Dues	10.00	
Gas, Oil & Lubrication	786.79	
Radio Service	316.44	
Lawyer's Fees	30.00	
Office Supplies	46.67	
Telephone	157.41	
Dry Cleaning	18.25	
License Forms	10.00	
Equipment	87.60	
Car Repairs	180.03	
Repairs to Ford Wagon	111.23	
Garage Rent	51.00	
Miscellaneous, Refill Oxygen Tank, Flash Bulbs, etc.	17.04	
Cover for Stretcher	9.00	7,738.07
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Association Dues	8.00	
Massachusetts Electric Co.	159.46	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	372.32	
Fuel	346.41	
Lights	70.38	
Truck Repairs (Labor on F.F. Truck)	135.00	

Helmets, Gloves & Boots	194.17	
Canvas Covers Installed	39.50	
Snow Removal	64.00	
Fire Truck Repairs	81.32	
Yankee Mirrors	54.36	
Truck Tires	258.72	
Oil, Gas, Batteries & Spark Plugs	134.79	
Radio Service	218.30	
Equipment	537.10	
Repairs to Station	788.30	
Miscellaneous, Cartage, Dry Cleaning, etc.	36.96	3,799.09
HYDRANT SERVICE		2,000.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL:		
Spray	482.00	
Equipment	150.00	
Wages	48.00	680.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:		
Association Dues	2.00	
Wages	789.95	
Trucks & Equipment	406.00	1,197.95
TREE WARDEN:		
Superintendent's Wages	421.75	
All other Wages	403.10	
Hired Trucks	259.00	
Equipment	207.50	
Association Dues	5.00	1,399.35
FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT:		
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Wages	355.26	
Equipment	43.75	
Fire Permits	120.00	
Gas, Oil, etc.	100.39	
Repairs to Emergency Truck	28.75	
American LaFrance	22.18	
Postage	10.00	
Cleaning Boiler	18.00	998.33
WIRE INSPECTOR:		
Salary		300.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
Equipment	4.10	
Wages	115.90	120.00
DOG OFFICER		804.00
DOG OFFICER'S EXPENSE:		
Advertising	17.15	
All other	42.85	60.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Telephone	17.00	
Batteries	4.25	
Keys	1.00	
Director to Meetings	21.60	
All other	3.01	46.86
WILD CAT BOUNTY:		20.00
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Agent's Salary	375.00	
Agent's Travel	180.00	
Animal Inspector	300.00	
Slaughter Inspector	80.00	
Medicine & Medical Supplies	62.40	
Flu Clinic	10.00	
Travel Expense, Board member	56.34	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	76.53	
Association Dues	6.00	
Special Services by Agent	20.00	
Investigation of Private Water Supply by Agent	20.00	
Clerical	40.64	
Polio Shots	90.00	
Sanitizing Town Beach Facilities	92.25	
All other, Express, phone calls, etc.	5.94	1,415.10
SEWER DEPARTMENT:		
Commissioners' Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Wages, Sewer Commissioners	247.76	
All other wages	92.25	

Trucks		92.50	
Equipment		544.50	
Use of Filter Beds at Belchertown State School		2,674.70	
Repairing clocks at filter beds		9.45	
Repairing meters at filter beds		17.50	
Cement, Sand & Concrete		36.91	
Fittings		33.80	
All other, Cartage, putty, etc.		8.47	3,757.84
TOWN DUMP:			
Caretaker's Wages		435.00	
Bulldozing		153.00	
Wages, Town Employees		16.80	
Wire Fence		38.97	643.77
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81			
Wages		12,722.58	
Insurance		846.53	
Town Equipment		5,962.90	
Hired Equipment		4,378.95	
Material		5,562.09	
SNOW			
Wages		2,152.05	
Salt & Sand		1,040.25	
Trucks & Equipment		2,648.08	35,313.43
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C Rte. 21			
Wages	2,451.95		
Equipment	4,475.19		
Trucks	4,594.74		
Material	8,503.42		
Signs	91.80	20,117.10	
BAY ROAD			
Wages	730.95		
Equipment	1,309.00		
Trucks	1,143.50		
Material	322.90		
Use of Compressor	493.20	3,999.55	24,116.65
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M			
Wages		1,981.00	

Town Equipment		708.25	
Hired Equipment		554.20	
Material		2,591.11	
Road Sweeper		165.00	5,999.56
HIGHWAYS, STREETS			
Wages	953.83		
Hired Equipment	33.75		
Material	97.50		
Guard Rail	18.88		
Street Sweeper	540.00		
Signs	126.35		
Posts	29.50	1,799.81	
BRUSH REMOVAL			
Wages	1,665.50		
Hired Equipment	831.00	2,496.50	4,296.31
HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN ROAD			
Wages		170.25	
Hired Equipment		153.10	
Material		276.65	600.00
HIGHWAYS, COLD SPRING ROAD			
Wages		80.65	
Hired Equipment		110.70	
Material		208.66	400.01
HIGHWAYS, GOLD STREET			
Wages		422.60	
Hired Equipment		302.95	
Material		470.75	1,196.30
HIGHWAYS, HAMILTON ROAD			
Wages		153.95	
Hired Equipment		40.20	
Material		205.85	400.00
HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM ROAD			
Wages		361.90	
Hired Equipment		375.30	
Material		461.37	1,198.57

HIGHWAYS, SHEA AVENUE

Wages	160.02	
Hired Equipment	224.50	
Material	115.30	500.00

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH STREET

Wages	334.90	
Hired Equipment	501.90	
Material	362.70	1,199.50

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON ST.

Wages	198.50	
Hired Equipment	442.30	
Material	558.45	1,199.25

HIGHWAYS, WARREN WRIGHT ST.

Wages	408.20	
Hired Equipment	317.08	
Material	474.64	1,199.92

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES

Wages	794.00	
Lumber	493.06	
Culverts	1,511.22	
Hired Equipment	254.85	
Posts	413.74	
Guard Rail	298.63	
Paint	41.29	
Creosote	18.56	3,825.35

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS

Wages	188.00	
Hired Equipment	48.00	
Material	5.14	241.14

HIGHWAYS, JABISH STREET SIDEWALK

Wages	352.00	
Equipment	10.80	
Material	29.70	392.50

HIGHWAYS, FEDERAL STREET SIDEWALK

Wages	578.95	

Hired Equipment	71.40	
Material	348.96	999.31
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL:		
Wages	3,260.90	
Trucks	2,669.83	
Equipment	1,059.85	
Salt & Sand	2,940.06	
Blades	153.05	
Repairs	70.61	
Cleaning Sidewalks	145.00	10,299.30
HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE:		
Wages	13.60	
Telephone	123.58	
Oil & Gas	295.22	
Fuel Oil	282.97	
Mobil Diesel Oil	1,725.54	
Tax on Diesel Oil	84.50	
Lights	58.43	
Repairs on Brockway	814.43	
Repairs on Sander	317.18	
Repairs on Grader	485.65	
Repairs on Spreader	69.90	
Repairs on Ford	139.29	
All other Vehicle Repairs	429.66	
Tires & Tubes	630.65	
Batteries, spark plugs etc.	93.58	
Water	24.00	
Association Dues	2.00	
Bolts, Nuts and Hack Saw Blades	132.85	
Hand Tools	20.85	
Repairs on Tractor Loader	145.70	
Cutting Edges	177.01	
All other	120.23	6,186.82
HIGHWAYS, LAND DAMAGE ON ROUTE 21		600.00
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		5,750.29
WELFARE:		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		2,494.29
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Salaries		425.00

Public Assistance, Town Appropriation		27,216.90
O.A.A. Federal Grants	15,377.69	
Medical Assistance, Federal Grants	7,048.69	
A.D.C., Federal Grants	2,995.70	
D.A., Federal Grants	1,433.10	26,855.18
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
Agent's Salary	300.00	
Expense:		
Ordinary Benefits	1,160.50	
Fuel	151.00	
Medical Care	39.00	
Medicine	243.65	
Dental Work	10.00	1,904.15
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee Expense	169.00	
Superintendent's Salary	8,299.94	
Superintendent's Travel	500.00	
Superintendent's Expense	880.77	
Secretary's Salary	3,516.15	
Clerical	431.38	
Law Enforcement	26.12	13,823.36
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	170,482.45	
Substitutes' Salaries	1,425.00	
Teachers' Expense	5,102.42	
Class Room Expense	5,107.75	
Text Books	4,929.28	187,046.90
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION		
Janitors' Salaries	14,808.35	
Janitors' Supplies	7,463.01	
Fuel	5,544.01	27,815.37
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS		8,496.01
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION		35,653.88
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MISCELLANEOUS		1,397.12
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY		4,500.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH		
Salaries, Nurse, Physician and Substitutes	4,834.53	
Travel allowance, Nurse & Sub.	399.90	
Drugs & Supplies	45.34	
Attending Conferences	21.20	
Printing & Postage	17.36	
All other	2.34	5,320.67
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Salaries, Instructor and Substitutes	5,189.90	
Janitor's Salary	514.80	
Fuel	325.65	
Food Supplies	86.25	
Lights	82.68	
Rubbish Removal	60.50	
Mixing Bowls	13.76	
Repairs to Sewing Machine	24.75	
Cleaning Heater	35.35	
New Sewing Machine	114.75	
All other	2.70	6,451.09
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		523.09
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW #874		7,193.74
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, PUBIC LAW #85-864 TITLE III		5.39
REAL ESTATE FOR NEW SCHOOL, Art. 1 & 2		9,900.00
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		810.70
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE		
Plowing to test area	36.00	
Surveyors	256.00	
N. E. Boring Corporation	366.26	
Russell Snow	719.00	
Tighe & Bond	500.00	
Alderman-McNeish	5,000.00	
Stationery	10.10	
Postage	34.11	
Legal Advice	575.40	
Printing—Brochures, etc.	279.60	7,776.47
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	9,409.18	

Transportation	3,276.00	12,685.18
SCHOOL LUNCH		
Salary and Wages	14,181.91	
Transporting Food	335.30	
Food Bills	28,761.80	
All other bills	2,256.03	45,535.04
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Fuel Oil	522.93	
Books & Periodicals	823.56	
Library Supplies	22.30	
Insurance	206.89	
Lights	130.91	
Waterproof Wax	26.75	
Cleaning Balcony Windows	30.00	
Cleaning Library	124.38	
To Clapp Memorial Library Trustees	389.24	2,276.96
TOWN COMMON		
Lights	24.30	
Mowing	112.00	
Wages	56.70	
Miscellaneous	1.80	194.80
STATE PARKS & RESERVATIONS		2,033.80
PARSONS FIELD		
Lights	11.39	
Mowing	192.00	
Fertilizer	9.50	
Bulldozing	27.00	239.89
SUMMER RECREATION		
Instructor's Salary	150.00	
Sand	15.00	
Cutting Brush & Bulldozing	42.50	
Sash Cord	14.45	
Postage	2.45	
Wages	124.60	
Equipment	25.95	374.95
UNCLASSIFIED		243.06

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		985.00
PRINTING & DISTRIBUTING 1960 ASSESSED VALUATION		683.13
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES		
Flags	56.00	
Refreshments	23.36	
Printing	4.75	
Flowers	24.50	
To Belchertown High School Band	96.14	204.75
VETERANS' DAY		60.00
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE		
Decorating for Ball and Town Buildings	862.44	
Rent of, and Making Costumes	57.22	
Painting Backdrop for Pageant	25.00	
Flowers for Ball, Queen & Court	678.30	
Printing, Booklets, Tickets, Invitations and Envelopes	1,268.09	
Rent of Trucks & Horses and to Drum Corps	927.60	
Welcome Signs and all other signs	218.45	
Films, Lamps, Reels, Tapes, Sound Effects, etc.	337.66	
Caretakers for Old Town Hall and Memorial Hall	100.00	
Painting and Cleaning Old Town Hall	83.50	
Suppers for Police	125.00	
To Police for Traffic Duty	305.00	
Refreshments for Guests and those in parade	570.36	
Postage & Telephone	20.30	
To High School Class for parking	50.00	
Secretarial Services	75.00	
Insurance	39.15	
Commission to those selling Bicentennial Booklets	155.00	
Wages, Town Employees	89.60	
All other	19.81	6,007.48
CARE OF VETERANS' GRAVES		200.00
INSURANCE		8,749.81
TOWN CLOCK		100.00
UNPAID BILLS OF 1960		1,645.73

CEMETERIES:		
Wages	1,531.06	
Mowing	1,571.00	
Paint & Brushes	58.98	
Fence Posts	21.41	
Grass Seed	17.35	
Snow Removal	73.00	
Hand Tools & Hardware	33.14	
Lime & Fertilizer	7.50	
Loam	84.00	
Removing Stumps	45.00	
Oil & Gas	9.37	
Repairing Stone Wall at Mt. Hope	25.00	
All other	9.98	3,486.79
INTEREST:		
On temporary loans	331.15	
On general loans	5,510.00	5,841.15
MATURING DEBTS:		
Temporary loans repaid	90,000.00	
General loans repaid	22,000.00	112,000.00
AGENCY:		
Sporting Licenses	2,735.50	
Dog Licenses	1,320.75	
County Tax	17,279.72	
Federal Withholding Taxes	37,024.54	
State Withholding Taxes	2,707.09	
Retirement	3,328.09	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	3,429.99	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Approp.	3,685.84	
Group Life Insurance, Employees	858.10	
Group Life Insurance, Town Approp.	850.02	
Hampshire County Retirement System	4,085.00	
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,433.03	78,735.67
TRUST FUNDS:		
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	2,931.76	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	146.32	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	50.00	
Whiting Street Fund	51.22	

War Memorial Fund	5,836.92	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	300.00	
Stabilization Fund	73,875.00	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	149.95	
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00	83,361.17
REFUNDS:		
Current Year	935.77	
Previous Years	5,836.49	
M. V. Excise	5,476.02	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	10.81	
Group Life Insurance	3.16	
Sewer Rentals	31.01	
Federal Withholding Taxes	7.10	12,300.36
		909,441.84
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1961		179,450.37
		$1,088,892.21

Minutes of Town Meeting

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 17, 1961

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills incurred in 1960 for the Road Machinery Account or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills incurred by the Police Department for 1960 or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of snow and sanding of roads for the year 1961 or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay bills incurred by the School Department in 1960, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account for the year 1961, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for 1961 Legal Expense or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To receive a report of progress of the School Building Committee which was appointed by the Selectmen as a result of a vote at the Special Town Meeting of September 8, 1960, relative to a proposed new six-year high school building, and to act upon any recommendations therein contained.

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial

Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, one at Bowlers Corners, one at Metacomet and Bay Street, and one at Keyes Hotel in South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of January, A.D. 1961.

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

ACTION TAKEN by Special Town Meeting dated, January 17, 1961

Moderator—Henry Renouf
Quorum—Present
Meeting called to order 7:34 P.M.

Article 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1020.95 to pay bills incurred in 1960 by the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Unanimous)

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $221.84 to pay bills incurred by the Police Department for 1960. (Unanimous)

Article 3. Voted to lay on table. (Unanimous)

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $460.76 to pay bills incurred by the School Department in 1960. (Unanimous)

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5000 to the Road Machinery Expense Account for the year 1961. (Unanimous)

Article 6. Voted to appropriate from Overlay Reserve-Surplus the sum of $2500 for legal expenses, to be used by the Assessors in 1961. (42 yes—2 no)

Article 7. Voted that the report of progress of the School Building Committee, appointed at the special town meeting of September 8, 1960, be accepted, and that said committee be authorized and empowered to carry out the orders and instructions set forth in said vote of Sept. 8. 1960, and present its recommendations for a site or sites and the preliminary plans for a six-year high school building, not later than September 8, 1961. (Unanimous)

Article 8. Voted to adjourn: 8:02 P.M.

A true report of the action taken,
ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Voted to raise and appropriate		Voted from available funds.	
Art. 1 —	$1,020.95	Art. 5 —	$5,000.00
Art. 2. —	221.84	Art. 6 —	2,500.00
Art. 4 —	460.76	Total	$7,500.00
Total	$1,703.55		

Notarized certificates of unpaid bills for the year 1960, Road Machinery Expense Account, Police and Schools (Instruction) on file.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held March 13, 1961

Action taken on articles of the warrant

Article 1. Nominated and elected Sophia Pero and Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Donald Hazen as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 2. Voted, to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town, as printed in the town report with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 3. Voted to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund, in amount of $389.24. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 4. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $7000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $28,325.00 for Chapter 81 highways. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 5. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $6000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,000.00 for Chapter 90 highway construction, program of 1961. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 6. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $5000.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 7. Voted, to authorize the Assessors, Cemetery Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their respective departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates: Assessors $2.00, Cemetery Commissioners $1.50, Sewer Commissioners $1.75 and Tree Warden 1.75, each per hour. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 8. Voted, to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1961, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 9. Voted to adopt the following By-Law: No building shall be erected or changed in use, in the town of Belchertown without a permit from the Selectmen.
(Vote 43 Yes—14 No)

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Hamilton St.	400.00	So. Washington St.	1200.00
Shea Avenue	500.00	South Street	1200.00
Boardman St.	600.00	Gold Street	1200.00
Cold Spring	400.00	Hannum Road	1200.00
		Warren Wright St.	1200.00

(Vote unanimous yes)

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the improvement of sidewalks on the following street, a public way: Federal Street. (Vote majority yes)

Article 12. Voted to lay on table.

Article 13. Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, for the purpose of performing the duties as set forth in Section 14A and 14B of said Chapter 71, but only with respect to a Regional Vocational School District.
(Vote unanimous yes)

Article 14. Voted to authorize the school committee to sell discarded obsolete furniture, now in storage.
(Vote unanimous yes)

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for land damages on Route 21, taken by the town in 1959.
(Unanimous yes)

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 for the printing and publishing of the 1960 assessed valuations, to include real and personal property assessments; so that each tax payer may receive a copy, such distribution to be under the guidance of the Board of Assessors. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 17. Voted to transfer (appropriate) from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $733.18, to the Insurance Account. (Vote unanimous yes)

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 and to transfer (appropriate) from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of $50,000.00 to establish a stabilization fund as authorized under Section 5B of Chapter 40, as amended by Chapter 404, Acts of 1956; of the General Laws of Massachusetts.
(Vote majority Yes—1 No)

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $678.00 to install and maintain 21—3500 Lumen Lamps on Federal Street. (Vote majority Yes—1 No)

Article 20. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, by general classification, as recommended in the Finance Committee report. Further, that those sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer boards and committees of the town and further that the sum of $5,000.00 be raised and appropriated and that an additional $1000.00 be transferred (appropriated) from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund.
(Vote—all items and sums listed under article 20 unanimous yes)

APPROPRIATIONS VOTED, MARCH 13, 1961

Article Number	Raised and Approp.	Approp. from Available Funds
3.—Clapp Memorial Library	—	389.24
4.—Highways, Chapter 81	7,000.00	28,325.00
5.—Highways, Chap. 90 Construction	6,000.00	18,000.00
6.—Highways, Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	5,000.00
10.—Highways		
Hamilton Street	400.00	
Shea Avenue	500.00	
Boardman Road	600.00	
Cold Spring Road	400.00	
South Street	1,200.00	
South Washington Street	1,200.00	
Gold Street	1,200.00	
Hannum Road	1,200.00	
Warren Wright Road	1,200.00	
11.—Sidewalks, Federal Street	1,000.00	
15.—Land damages	600.00	
16.—Printing Assessed 1960 Valuations	700.00	
17.—Insurance Account	—	733.18
18.—Stabilization Fund	10,000.00	50,000.00
19.—Street Lights (Added)	678.00	
Article 20. General Budget		
Item		
1.—Moderator Expenses	10.00	
2.—Finance Committee Expense	90.00	
3.—Selectmen:		
Salaries—Chairman	475.00	
Other	400.00	
Other	400.00	
Expenses	400.00	
4.—Town Accountant		
Salary	900.00	
Expenses	75.00	
5.—Town Treasurer		
Salary	1,700.00	
Expenses	1,045.00	
6.—Town Clerk		
Salary	900.00	
Expenses	513.00	

7.—Collector (Town & Taxes)	
Salary	2,100.00
8.—Assessors	
Expenses	1,275.00
Salary—Chairman	500.00
Other	400.00
Other	400.00
Expenses & Wages	1,850.00
9.—Law (Expenses)	500.00
10.—Elections & Registrations	995.00
11.—Planning Board Expenses	620.00
12.—Municipal Buildings	
Old Town Hall	900.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	500.00
Town Garage	1,200.00
13.—Police	7,000.00
16.—Hydrant Service	2,000.00
17—Sealer of Wghts & Meas.	120.00
18—Inspector of Writing	300.00
19—Civil defense	300.00
20—Water storage holes (Fire)	300.00
21—Tree services	
Tree Warden, wages and expenses	1,400.00
Insect pest control	700.00
Dutch Elm disease	1,200.00
22—Building inspector	150.00
23—Dog officer expense	50.00
24—Board of Health	
Salaries—Chairman	150.00
Other	100.00
Other	100.00
Expenses	1,275.00
25—Sewers:	
Salaries—Chairman	150.00
Other	100.00
Other	100.00
Expenses	4,000.00
26—Town Dump	770.00
27—Highways, general	4,300.00
28—Bridges	3,600.00
29—Snow removal	9,000.00
30—Sidewalks (Maintenance)	250.00

31—Street lights	5,502.00	
32—Board of Public Welfare		
Salaries—Chairman	175.00	
Other	125.00	
Other	125.00	
Welfare District	2,494.29	
Public Assistance	37,500.00	
33—Veterans Department		
Salary—Agent	300.00	
Benefits & expenses	4,700.00	
34—Schools		
General control	13,900.00	
Instruction	188,393.00	
Operation	28,000.00	
Maintenance	8,500.00	
Transportation	35,926.00	
Health	5,392.00	
Miscellaneous	1,510.00	
Household arts	6,767.00	
Capital outlay	4,500.00	
Library	602.00	
Vocational education	13,160.00	
35—Clapp Memorial Library	2,000.00	
36—Parsons Memorial Field	350.00	
37—Town Common	200.00	
38—Summer recreation	450.00	
39—Cemeteries		
General care, expenses	2,000.00	
Soldiers graves	200.00	
40—Pensions		
Hampshire County Retirement System	4,085.00	
41—General Insurance	9,200.00	
Health Insurance (Town Appr)	3,900.00	
Life Insurance (Town Appr)	865.00	
42—Memorial Day Services	200.00	
Veterans Day Services	60.00	
Town Clock	100.00	
Town Report	1,000.00	
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	1,000.00 (Overlay)
Miscellaneous	500.00	
43—Maturing Debt & Interest		

Sewer Loan of '49 (Prin)	2,000.00	
School Loans of '52 (Prin)	20,000.00	
Sewer loan, interest	575.00	
School loans, interest	4,935.00	
Temporary notes, (Int)	1,500.00	
	511,932.29	103,447.42
Grand total		615,379.71

Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting, May 1, 1961

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, twenty-eight and forty-five one hundredths (28.45) acres more or less of the real estate of Rachel A. Baker identified as Parcel No. 1 on Plan S-265 on file with Town Clerk of Belchertown or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $8400. for the acquisition for school purposes of the real estate described as Parcel No. 1 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, seventy-seven one hundredths (0.77) acres more or less of real estate from Roger L. and Yvette C. Archambault identified as Parcel No. 2 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1500. for the acquisition of the real estate described as Parcel No. 2 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will otherwise instruct the School Building Committee on the matter of a school building site or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A true copy attest: ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Action taken on Special Town Meeting held May 1, 1961

Moderator—Henry Renouf

Meeting opened—7:33 P.M.

Article 1. Voted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, twenty-eight and forty-five one hundredths (28.45) acres more or less of the real estate of Rachel A. Baker identified as Parcel No. 1 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown, said property being further described and filed with the Town Clerk.
(Vote yes 39—no 15)

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $8400. for the acquisition for school purposes of the real estate described as Parcel No. 1 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown.
(Voted Unanimous)

Article 3. Voted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws for school purposes, seventy-seven one-hundreths (0.77) acre more or less of real estate from Roger L. and Yvette C. Archambault identified as Parcel No. 2 on Plan S-265 on filed with the Town Clerk of Belchertown, said property being further described and on filed with the Town Clerk.
(Voted Unanimous)

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1500. for for the acquisition for school purposes of the real estate described as Parcel No. 2 on Plan S-265 on file with the Town Clerk of Belchertown.

Article 5. Tabled. (Voted Uuanimous)

Adjourned: 8:41 P.M.

A true copy attest: ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 12, 1961

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 1 at the special town meeting of May 1, 1961, authorizing the Selectmen to acquire the Baker property for school purposes.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 2 at the special town meeting of May 1, 1961 to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of buying the Baler property referred to in Article 1.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 3 at the special town meeting of May 1, 1961, authorizing the Selectmen to acquire land for school purposes from Roger L. & Yvette C. Archambault.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 4 at the special town meeting of May 1, 1961, to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of the Archambault land referred to in Article 3.

Article 5. To see if the Town will instruct the school building committee to reconsider and revalue costs under present conditions, the so-called Ketchen property, also the Duda and Wood properties in the same neighborhood and submit findings to the Town at a public hearing in Memorial Hall at least two weeks prior to a special town meeting, at which, choice shall be given of the three sites, namely, the Baker, Ketchen and Duda-Wood properties.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
A true copy, ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Action Taken at Special Town Meeting Dated June 12, 1961

Moderator, Henry Renouf
Called to order 7:30 P.M.

Article 1. Moderator ordered a check list vote on this article, as provided by Section 2, Article 2 of the Town by-laws. Voters list checked by Registrars of Voters, Raymond T. Beaudoin, Chairman, Gertrude E. Riley and Doris M. Dickinson.

Ballot officer, Frank P. Loftus, Constable
Ballot box officer, Ernest M. Gay, Constable

Votes cast	265	Vote yes	127
		Vote no	137
		Void	1
	265		265

Ballot counters Michael S. Mathras
Herbert C. Wood
William G. Whitlock

Article 2.	Tabled	Unanimous vote
Article 3.	Tabled	Unanimous vote
Article 4.	Tabled	Unanimous vote
Article 5.	Tabled	Unanimous vote
Article 6.	Adjourned 8:25 P.M.	

A true copy of the action taken
ATTEST: ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting September 8, 1961

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the law account or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of accumulated interest in the War Memorial Fund, by the War Memorial Committee or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue the School Building Committee, as authorized by Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of September 8, 1960 and to make appointments to fill any present or future vacancies that may exist, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Section 97, Chapter 41 of the General Laws or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the annual election of Constables, effective date to be March 1962, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint Constables for Belchertown, as provided by Section 91A (as amended by Chapter 354 Acts of 1961); appointments first to be effective with the expiration of the present terms of all elected Constables, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

September 11, 1961

Action Taken on Articles of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held, September 8, 1961

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $1000.00 for the law account. (Vote—unanimous)

Article 2. Voted to temporarily lay on the table, to ascertain the exact balance of interest in the War Memorial Fund as of October 1, 1961.

Following action on article 6 of this warrant, the following was voted: To remove article 2 from the table. (Vote unanimous)

To authorize the expenditure of accumulated interest in the War Memorial Fund, the sum of $211.12, by the War Memorial Committee. (Vote unanimous)

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to continue the School Building Committee for an additional year and to make any appointments to fill any present or future vacancies that may exist. (Vote unanimous)

Article 4. Voted (NEGATIVE) not to adopt the provisions of Section 97, of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. (Vote NO 36, YES 31)

Following the negative vote on Article 4, a motion was moved and carried unanimously as follows: VOTED that article 4, be referred to a special committee for study, public hearing and shall make public their findings and recommendations to a special town meeting at least forty days before the annual town meeting in March 1962. The above special committee shall be appointed by the Moderator within ten (10) days and shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be familiar with police organization and practice. (Vote unanimous)

Article 5. Voted this article be referred to the committee authorized under Article four (4) for its study and recommendations. (Vote unanimous)

Article 6. Voted this article be referred to the committee authorized under Article four (4) for its study and recommendations. (Vote unanimous)

Article 7. Voted to adjourn at 8:41 P.M.

A true copy of the action taken,
ATTEST:

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available funds.
Article 1 — $1000.00
Article 2 — 211.12

Total $1211.12

Warrant For Special Town Meeting December 7, 1961

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE ($13,875.00) Dollars to be added to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2. To hear the report of the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen pursuant to the vote adopted under Article 4 of the Warrant For The Special Town Meeting held September 8, 1960, as continued in office under votes adopted at the Special Town Meetings of January 17, 1961, and September 8, 1961, and, if deemed advisable, to take action thereon.

Article 3. To see whether the town will vote that the proposition to be presented under the next succeeding Article 4 shall, after the completion of discussion thereon, be voted on by secret written ballot with the use of a check list and whether such voting shall be at an adjourned session of the meeting and in such event, to provide for such adjournment, determine the time of such adjournment, the time of opening and closing of the polls, the manner of voting and for any other matters or conditions affecting the foregoing or related thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND ($1,400,000.00) DOLLARS or any other sum, for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a junior-senior high school building on the land owned by the town and acquired for school purposes from Rachel A. Baker by a taking dated August 10, 1961; and determine how the money shall be raised, whether by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or otherwise; and to authorize the School Building Committee appointed by the Selctmen under the vote at the Special Town Meeting of Sptember 8, 1960, to have full power and authority to make contracts for and to have charge and supervision of the construction and original equipping and furnishing of said school building, or take any other action relative thereto.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
ROBERT D .CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Action Taken at Special Town Meeting December 7, 1961

Moderator, Henry Renouf

Quorum present 363. All voters checked into hall by use of the voters' lists.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $13,875.00, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the stabilization fund.
(Unanimous vote)

Article 2. Voted to receive and hear the report of the High School Building Committee. (Unanimous vote)

Article 3. Voted to accept the report of the High School Building Committee and file said report with the Town Clerk.

Voted that after discussion on the proposition to be presented under the next succeeding Article 4 and before final vote thereon, and excluding any vote on an amendment, this meeting shall adjourn to Two (2:00) o'clock P.M. on Saturday the 9th day of December, 1961, and reconvene at such hour in this Hall and at such time and place to vote upon said proposition by secret written ballot with the use of a check list, the polls to be open from said Two (2:00) o'clock P.M. to Eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. and thereafter until persons within said room or in line at said Eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. and desiring to vote have so voted, and thereafter to receive, announce and record the result of the voting and to consider and act on any other business properly to come before the meeting and that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to give notice of such adjourned session, of the time for opening and closing the polls, by posting written notice signed by the Clerk in at least three public places as soon as practicable following this Meeting.

Article 4. Discussion only. (Unanimous vote)

Article 5. Voted to adjourn to 2 P.M. Saturday, December 9, 1961:

at 8:40 P.M.

ADJOURNED SESSION OF TOWN MEETING AS PROVIDED BY THE VOTE UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 1961

ADJOURNED SESSION DECEMBER 9, 1961

Moderator, Henry Renouf

Town Clerk, Robert D. Camp, Sr.

Quorum present.

Adjourned session brought to order at 2:00 P.M. Polls declared opened at 2:02 P.M.

Inspectors, Counters, Warden, Clerk and Police Officer present with all persons having declared under oath to fulfill the duties as required.

Polls declared closed at 8:02 P.M.

Votes counted and publicly announced by the Moderator.

Yes	233
No	567
Blanks	3

Henry Renouf, Moderator and Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk were present throughout the entire meeting. A quorum in excess of 25 registered voters were present throughout the entire meeting.

Adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

A true copy

ATTEST ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown:

You are hereby notified that the Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, duly called and held in Lawrence Memorial Hall on Thursday, December 7, 1961, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. was duly adjourned to Two (2) o'clock P.M. on Saturday, December 9, 1961 to reconvene at such hour in said Lawrence Memorial Hall for the purpose of voting by secret written ballot (a copy of which ballot is printed below) with the use of a check list on the motion submitted to the meeting under Article 4 of the warrant for the meeting and thereafter to receive, announce, and record the results of the voting and for further business that may legally come before the meeting.

The polls will be open from Two (2) o'clock P.M. to Eight (8) o'clock P.M.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

COPY OF BALLOT

COMMONWEATH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BALLOT FOR USE AT ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 1961.

The voter will vote either for or against the following motion made under Article 4, by putting an X in the appropriate block thereafter:

MOTION—That the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars ($1,400,000.00) be appropriated for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a junior-senior high school building on land owned by the town and acquired from Rachel A. Baker for school purposes by a taking, dated August 10, 1961 and

that to meet said appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen and subject to the approval of the Emergency Finance Board, is authorized and directed to issue and sell at one time or from time to time, bonds or notes of the town, in the aggregate amount of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND ($1,400,000.00) dollars, in principal amount under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended and that all bonds or notes shall be issued and sold in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 44 of the General laws, as amended, but each issue of bonds or notes shall be a separate loan and shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years from the date thereof; and

that the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen under the vote at the special town meeting of September 8, 1960, have full power and authority to make contracts for and have charge and supervision of the construction and original equipping and furnishing of said school building.

YES If in favor of the new junior-senior high school and the issuance of the bonds or notes, vote "yes" for the motion.

NO If against the new junior-senior high school and the issuance of the bonds or notes, vote "no" against the motion.

December 7, 1961

Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Massachusetts

This is to certify that the Town Clerk of Belchertown did post notices of the adjourned town meeting, to be held December 9, 1961, at the Memorial Hall. This complies with the vote taken under Article three (3) of the special town meeting held December 7, 1961. Notices were posted in all the legal and proper posting places within the town of Belchertown, namely five (5) and in the Memorial Hall. All such notices having been posted prior to 10:00 P.M. on December 7, 1961.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

ATTEST

ARTICLES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO BE HELD DECEMBER 23, 1961

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws.

Section II. Definitions: Add the words "or vehicle" after the word "structure".

Section IV-A. Change to "Residential Districts."

Section IV-B. Agricultural Districts: Add the following sentence at the end of section 1B-B, 1, c, (2), "Minimum lot and yard requirements pertaining to buildings in the Agricultural District shall apply to all buildings which are used or constructed under the provisions of this paragraph.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws.

Sect. IB-B, 2: Add a new paragraph, "h": "h. Recreational area of 50 acres or more, under single ownersip for camping, tenting, cabins or cottages, for seasonal or part-time occupancy only. Under the provisions of this section, such sites, facilities or buildings as are used or occupied for limited periods for recreational purposes shall not be subject to the lot area and yard requirements which pertain to Agricultural Districts. Except for supervisory or maintenance personnel, no recreational unit, building or site shall be occupied on a permanent basis. Any commercial use of land or buildings for recreational purposes shall be subject to the granting of an appropriate license by the Board of Health under the provisions of Sections 32A to 32D of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. Before the issuance of a permit by the Board of Appeals a site plan showing all camping or tenting areas, buildings, water supply and sanitary facilities must be presented."

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws.

Section IV C, 1, c- Change to "Hotel, Motel, Licensed Trailer Court of Restaurant."

Section IV Add new sub-section, "IV-E":

"IV-E. Prohibited Uses

1. Except as provided under Section IV-B, the construction or use of a dwelling unit with a living space of less than 720 square feet on the first floor is prohibited.
2. Trailer or mobile home used for human habitation outside of a licensed trailer park or mobile home court.
3. Signs or floodlights which constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of the intensity or direction of their illumination."

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following changes in the Zoning Laws.

Section V. Strike out entirely and replace with the following:

"Section V. Intensity Regulations

V-A. A building hereafter erected, established or used shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum applicable dimensions set forth in the table below. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements as listed and, except as indicated in the By-Law, no more than one dwelling unit shall be located upon any one lot. A lot or parcel of land having an area or a frontage of lesser amounts than required by this table shall be considered as coming within the area and frontage requirements of this section, provided such lot or parcel of land was shown on a plan or described in a deed duly recorded or registered at the time of adoption of this By-Law and did not at the time of such adoption adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in conjunction with such lot or parcel.

District	Minimum Lot Area in sq. ft.	Dimension Frontage in ft.	Minimum Yard Dimension in ft.			Max. % Coverage Incl. all Bldgs.
			Ft. (b)	Side (c)	Rr. (c)	
Residential (a)	20,000	120	25	10	30	30
Agricultural	40,000	150	35	20	50	20
Business	20,000	100	30	15 (d)	50	30
Industrial	60,000	150	50	30 (d)	50	25

(a) In the Residential District or Business District a new dwelling which is connected to the town sanitary sewer may be built on a lot with a minimum size of 15,000 sq. ft. and 100 ft. frontage.

(b) To be measured from the right-of-way line where a plan of the way is on file with the Registry of Deeds or, in the absence of such a plan, from a line 25 feet from and parallel with the center of the travelled way.

(c) When a side yard or rear yard borders on a street, the minimum distance between the right-of-way and any type of building shall equal the distance required for front yards in that district.

(d) Side yard dimension shall be at least 50 feet when adjacent to a Residential District.

(e) All dimensional requirements which are prescribed for Residential Districts shall apply to dwellings hereafter erected in a Business District. New residential construction is not permitted in Industrial Districts.”

Section VI-C. Parking Requirements: Change the words “equal to the floor area” to the words “equal to twice the floor area.”

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following changes in the Zoning Laws.

Section VII-A. Enforcement: Delete this paragraph and insert the following in its place: “Section VII-A. Enforcement. This By-Law shall be enforced by the Selectmen or their agent. No building shall be built and no use of land or a building shall be changed or begun until a permit has been issued by the Selectmen or their agent. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Selectmen or their agent.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the changes in the Town Zoning Map as displayed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a complete Road Sanding Unit, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a School Building Committee composed of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, and to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member of the School Building Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the School Building Committee to:

1. Hire an Architect.
2. Prepare and present preliminary plans for a six-year High School Building fully equipped, at a cost not to exceed one million dollars ($1,000,000) and to make available these plans for approval of the town within six (6) months, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for the work of the School Building Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE ARTICLES OF WARRANT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD DEC. 23, 1961

Moderator—Henry Renouf

Meeting called to order at 7:34 P. M.

Voters present, 126 (Quorum required, 25).

Art. 1. Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws:

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Sect. IV-A. Change to "Residential Districts."

Sect. IV-B. Agricultural Districts: Add the following sentence at the end of Sect. IB-B, 1, c, (2), "Minimum lot and yard requirements pertaining to buildings in the Agricultural District shall apply to all buildings which are used or constructed under the provisions of this paragraph."

(Voted by show of raised hands: Yes, 18; No, 9)

Art. 2. Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws:

(Vote by voice; Majority, Yes).

in accordance with article in warrant

Note: It was unanimously voted to allow Mr. T. S. Bacon, Planning Consultant, to speak, explain and answer questions pertaining to the Zoning Articles of this warrant. This vote taken during the discussion of Article 2.

Art. 3. Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws as amended:

Sect. IV C, 1, c- Change to "Hotel, Motel, Licensed Trailer Court or Restaurant."

Sect. IV. Add new sub-section, "IV-E":

"IV-E. Prohibited Uses

1, Except as provided under Section IV-B, the construction or use of a dwelling unit with a living space of less than 720 square feet on the first floor is prohibited.
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3. Signs or floodlights which constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of the intensity or direction of their illumination."

(Vote by show of raised hands; Yes, 19; No, 8).

Art. 4. Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning Laws as amended:

Sect. V. Strike out entirely and replace with the following:

"Section V. Intensity Regulations

V-A. A building hereafter erected, established or used shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum applicable dimensions set forth in the table below. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements as listed and, except as indicated in the By-Law, no more than one dwelling unit shall be located upon any one lot. A lot or parcel of land having an area or a frontage of lesser amounts than required by this table shall be considered as coming within the area and frontage requirements of this section, provided such lot or parcel of land was shown on a plan or described in a deed duly recorded or registered at the time of adoption of this By-Law and did not at the time of such adoption adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in conjunction with such lot or parcel.

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(a) In the Residential District or Business District a new dwelling which is connected to the town sanitary sewer may be built on a lot with a minimum size of 15,000 sq. ft. and 100 ft. frontage.

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(e) All dimensional requirements which are prescribed for Residential Districts shall apply to dwellings hereafter erected in a Business District. New residential construction is not permitted in Industrial Districts."

Sect. VI-C. Parking Requirements: Change the words "equal to the floor area" to the words "equal to twice the floor area."

(Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 5. Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning Laws as amended:

Sect. VII-A. Enforcement: Delete this paragraph and insert the following in its place: "Section VII-A. Enforcement. This By-Law shall be enforced by the Selectmen or their agent. No building shall be built and no use of land or a building shall be changed or begun until a permit has been issued by the Selectmen or their agent. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Selectmen or their Agent. Any person violating any of the provisions of this By-Law may be fined not more that twenty ($20.00) dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 6. Voted to accept the changes in the town Zoning Map as displayed. (Unanimous YES.)

Art. 7. Voted to appropriate the sum of One thousand two hundred ($1,200.00) dollars from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Unanimous YES.)

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a complete Road Sanding Unit, and that the sum of Six thousand seven hundred forty ($6,740.00) dollars be appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account for this purpose. (Unanimous YES.)

Art. 9. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a School Building Committee composed of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, and to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member of the School Building Committee. (Unanimous YES.)

Art. 10. Voted that the town authorize and instruct the School Building Committee to:

1. Hire an architect.
2. Prepare and present preliminary plans for a SIX-Year High School Building, fully equipped, at a cost not to exceed one million ($1,000,000.00) dollars, and to make available their progress at the next annual town meeting. (Vote unanimous, YES.)

Art. 11. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars for the work of the School Building Committee. (Vote unanimous, YES.)

Resolved—that the High School Building Committee most recently discharged, as the result of town meeting action taken December 7, 1961, be commended for their effort and presentation to the town, in regard to the Six Year High School Building program as voted by town meeting. (Resolution by H. Willey.)

Resolved—that Francis M. Austin, D. V. M., who passed away in December, 1961, be well remembered for his servie as a Selectman, Health and Welfare Board member for a period of 29 years, and for the many other services rendered the town for a period in excess of 35 years. (Resolution by I. A. Hodgen.)

(Above resolutions voted unanimous, YES.)

Art. 12. Meeting voted to adjourn at 9.13 p. m.

A true copy of the action taken, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

MARCH 6, 1961

	Pre. A	Pre. B	Tot.
Moderator for 1 Year Vote for One			
Henry Renouf, Dem.	767	145	912
Town Clerk for 1 year Vote for One			
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Rep.	867	160	1027
Harry L. Brougham	1	0	1
Town Treasurer for 3 years Vote for One			
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Rep.	856	155	1011
Selectman for 3 years Vote for One			
Charles F. Austin, Rep., Nomination Papers	264	89	353
Michael S. Mathras, Dem.	445	67	512
Theodore W. Smist, Rep.	258	34	292
Assessor for 3 years Vote for One			
Elliott S. Cordner, Dem.	376	142	518
Arlan V. Skinner, Rep.	588	45	633
School Committee for 3 years. Vote for One			
Harold W. Willey, Dem.	844	166	1010
Harry L. Brougham	2	0	2
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years Vote for One			
Lincoln A. Cook, Rep.	659	71	730
John F. Traynor, Dem.	275	107	382
Harry L. Brougham	12	0	12
Sewer Commissioner for 3 years Vote for One			
Helen L. Papp, Dem.	724	138	862
Harry L. Brougham	41	10	51
Sewer Commissioner for 2 years (Unexpired term) Vote for One			
Frederick E. Lincoln, Rep.	599	94	693
Harry L. Brougham	264	61	325
Board of Health for 3 years. Vote for One			
Kenneth L. Collard, Rep. Nom.	850	145	995
Tree Warden for 1 year Vote for One			
Albert W. Brown, Rep.	864	164	1028

Planning Board for 5 years. Vote for One

George B. Jackson, Rep.	501	43	544
Francis E. Goodrow, Dem.	271	27	298
Arthur J. Moriarty, Dem., Nomination Papers	155	114	269
Harry L. Brougham	0	1	1

Constables for 1 year Vote for Five

Adam L. Antonovitch, Rep.	625	153	778
Ernest M. Gay, Rep.	673	70	743
Frank P. Loftus, Dem.	603	120	723
Andrew T. Sears, Rep.	656	88	744
Herbert E. Squires, Rep.	706	101	807
Edward Czech, Dem.	268	144	412
Morris D. Blaine, Dem. Nom.	215	44	259
Randolph H. Brown, Rep.	516	52	568
Harry L. Brougham	1	0	1
Alfred P. Atwood	2	0	2

Question No. 1 Vote Yes or No

Shall the provisions of section forty of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, relative to equal pay for men and women teachers be in force in this town?	Yes	511	99	610
	No	278	39	317
	Yes	669	113	782
	No	128	26	154

Question No. 2 Vote Yes or No

Registered Voters at Belchertown, January 14, 1961 10:00 P. M.

PRECINCT A	Men	Women	PRECINCT B	Men	Women
Rep.	231	210	Rep.	18	16
Dem.	83	75	Dem.	41	39
Ind.	461	501	Ind.	95	87
	775	786		154	142
Totals		1561			296
					—1857

Rep. 475—Dem. 238—Ind.—1144 1857 Totals Precincts A and B

Men 929—Women 928—Total 1857

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman	1964
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY, MRS.	1962
ANDREW G. KETCHEN	1963

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 323-7512
Telephone Office: 323-6340

Secretary and Clerk

MAY ROSE DEWEY Superintendent's Office
Telephone Residence: 323-6964
JEAN NOEL Principal Donald E. Geer's Office
Telephone Residence: 323-6659
RUBY MARTIN Principal Guy E. Harrington's Office
Telephone Residence: 323-6382

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month
In the Superintendent's Office at Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 323-6370
Telephone Office: 323-7581

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 323-6282

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence 323-7463

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

Your School Committee held twenty-nine meetings during the year. Twelve regular monthly meetings are scheduled but the experience of the past five years shows an average of twenty-five meetings a year. The Committee is also officially represented by one member on each of the following Town Committees; Summer Recreation, Old Town Hall, Regional Vocational Planning, and High School Building. All Members also attended the Seminar for School Committee Members which met for six sessions at the University of Massachusetts during the Spring Term.

No problem is more pressing than the need for additional classroom space. Prior to the opening of school in September semi-portable partitions were erected at Cold Spring and Center Schools. This has served to "fence in" a teaching area but it has disrupted originally planned lighting and ventilating arrangements and provides little sound control. At Cold Spring School it is no longer possible to use the all-purpose room for assembly programs, large group teaching, physical education, or music. The full use of the large room at Center School for classroom space has now made it necessary to serve the lunches in the front entrance corridor. In the High School building the auditorium and cafeteria must be used as classrooms and as the enrollment increases and additional teachers are added to the staff, space for the secondary program will have to be provided in some other building. The problem of pupil housing has become so critical that a most important criteria of a good classroom, to serve as a good environment for teaching and learning, has to be overlooked in the desperate need to provide a place for teachers to hold classes.

In spite of a continuing pre-schol census and an orientation program in the late Spring for entering first grade pupils the Fall Registration in grade one exceeded all expectations. One additional before starting the morning schedule. The large area and rugged topography of Belchertown means that oftentimes conditions in one first grade teacher was added at Cold Spring School but this still did not make it possible to achieve a desirable teacher-pupil ratio. The goal of the Committee at the elementary level is a teacher-pupil ratio of 25 pupils at the primary level and 30 pupils in grades four, five and six.

There are only two possible solutions to relieve the overcrowded conditions at the elementary level; place grades seven through twelve in the high school building on a double session basis, or utilize for elementary classrooms other space that may be made available through the cooperation of the Churches and other Organizations. Proponents of the double session plan have pointed out that this has been done in neighboring communities as a stopgap solution pending new construction. Others anticipating the high cost and inconvenience that this will cause in a community as large in area and widespread in population as Belchertown, have implied that this will encourage a favorable vote for a new junior-senior high school.

The School Committee is of the opinion that until new school facilities are available, it will be necessary to annually appraise the situation and provide additional classroom space based on the criteria of what is best for the greatest number of pupils and in keeping with prudent economy and not in terms of political expediency or motivation to pressure a Town Meeting Decision.

During the year the final possibilities with two exceptions for make-shift arrangements in existing school buildings were completed and put into operation in September. The two exceptions are: the repairing of one room Union School which would involve considerable expense to comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety; and, the elimination of the cafeteria program in all the schools to utilize the dining area at Cold Spring School for a classroom. The immediate need for September of 1962 is for four additional classrooms and the Committee is hopeful that space can be located within the Town to avoid either of these two alternatives which together are not adequate. Every effort will be made to control the expenditures involved in equipping the temporary facilities so that the furnishings can subsequently be used in the present junior and senior high classrooms when they are converted for elementary school use.

The decision to close the schools on stormy days is a difficult respnosibility. The decision must be made by approximately 6:30 a.m., if all bus drivers and non-resident personnel are to be notified part of the Town differ from another and this is particularly true during a rain at near freezing temperatures. The School Committee acting through delegated authority determines whether or not the school buildings are to be opened, staffed, and the busses to operate. All the busses are equipped with chains and emergency rear wheel sanders. It is still, however, the duty of the parents to determine whether or not in the interest of their own children's safety and health they should be sent to school. Oftentimes conditions warrant the attendance of older children when it might be advisable to have primary grade pupils remain at home. School authorities have been most reasonable in honoring legitimate excuses for absence because of weather conditions.

No plan has yet been formalized for the emergency evacuation or temporary housing of pupils in the event of nuclear war. Children are occupied in going to and from school and attending classes less than eight hours out of every twenty-four for a maximum of 183 days a year. Conceivably a crisis could occur during school hours and for this reason the administration has been directed to keep abreast of current developments at the State and Federal Levels in order to plan a specific course of action. It is, however, the opinion of the Committee that the problem of Civil Defense including large group Fall-Out Shelters should be a concern of all Town Officials to protect both adults and children at all times. To this objective the Committee is willing to cooperate as partners in what should be a joint community enterprise.

Financially the local educational program has been strengthened through receipts of Public Law 874 Funds for federally impacted areas and grants for the improvement of instruction in mathematics, science and foreign languages through Title III of the National Defense Education Act. The Guidance Program, which was started in September at the junior and senior high school level, is totally supported by Public Law 874 and N. D. E. A. Title V Funds. The Committee carefully explores all areas of reimbursement and school aid to insure the Town of maximum return. The Committee appreciates the cooperation of those parents and school personnel through whose extra efforts the information is furnished and completed for all reimbursements and grants.

The Committee was most pleased to note the cooperation of parents, school personnel, and pupils in the work and activities that made the Bicentennial Celebration so successful. May this same spirit continue to be extended to achieve the highest educational advantages for the boys and girls of Belchertown.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $318,246.00 for the running of the schools during 1962, and for the Vocational Education Program the amount of $14,000.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1962

	1961	1962
General Control	$13,900.00	$15,265.00
Instruction	188,393.00	206,686.00
Operation of Schools	28,000.00	29,745.00
Maintenance	8,500.00	8,000.00
Transportation	35,926.00	37,561.00
Health	5,392.00	5,617.00
Miscellaneous	1,510.00	1,865.00
Household Arts	6,767.00	7,065.00
Capital Outlay	4,500.00	5,000.00
Library	602.00	1,442.00
	$293,490.00	$318,246.00

Section 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A		
1. School Aid, Chapter 70	$44,445.13	
2. Transportation	30,702.85	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Household Arts	3,134.02	$81,615.33
Group B		
1. Tuition and Transportation (State Wards)	$7,891.51	7,891.51
		$89,506.84
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$228,739.16

Very truly yours,

HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY
ANDREW G. KETCHEN

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

This is my tenth annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

During the past decade the most difficult problem that I have tried to solve is to find a generally acceptable set of educational values by which to define the type of school program and system the public wants and is willing to support.

Most people talk in favor of a good educational program. Talk is cheap. The record shows that twice by substantial margins the voters have turned down proposals to solve the problem of overcrowded elementary classrooms and poor high school facilities. Former Superintendent Edwin Cox and I both worked for and recommended regionalization as the best educational and most economical solution to the secondary school problem. When the proposal with Granby was defeated a subsequent study by the School Needs Committee showed that the erection of a combined junior and senior high school would provide the next better solution. A Building Committee, after working long hours and with great concern for the educational welfare of the children and financial status of the Town saw the proposal turned down by an overwhelming vote.

A new Building Committee is now at work. This Committee was directed to plan and fully equip a building at a cost not to exceed a specified amount. This may be public admission of a principle of school financial support that has appeared to me to be developing in recent years. The principle of pay for what must be done and not what should be done. Good education requires adequate financial support. Adequate financial support means higher taxes. A willingness to vote for these taxes is the tangible way the individual citizen of the Community can say, "I believe in a good local educational program and I am willing to sacrifice to make it possible."

Class Size and Curriculum

The goal of twenty-five pupils to a teacher at the primary level (grades 1-3) and a thirty pupil ratio in grades four, five and six should be achieved as soon as temporary classroom space can be located. Many elementary boys and girls are not achieving what they should at some grade levels because the classes are so large that teachers do not have the opportunity to spend sufficient time on individual help and guidance. A well staffed and equipped junior-senior high school building may be available to these pupils in later years. However, a secondary school can not meet the challenges of industry, business and schools of higher learning if it must build on a foundation of inadequate elementary training. To remedy this weakness I recommend, as soon as space can be provided, the hiring of two more teachers at the elementary level in addition to the three proposed in the 1962 budget and the employment of a remedial teacher to upgrade the work of the slow learners who have suffered most because of the large classes.

In a few years the census of secondary pupils will reflect present elementary conditions and more staff and space will be a matter of necessity and not choice. There is now the need for one more teacher to permit the expansion of the program in mathematics and foreign languages with major emphasis in the junior high school.

The full effectiveness of this accelerated and intensified program will not be realized until those initially enrolled in the junior high school have graduated from high school and seek college admission. It is reasonable to predict that today's delay may be tomorrow's regret for some college aspirants.

Guidance

The organization of a fulltime guidance program at the secondary level is one of the most significant advances in the local educational program in recent years. It is a matter of record that this was first recommended by a former Superintendent sixteen years ago and has become a reality because of the availability of Federal Funds. I am hopeful, however, that enough tangible results will be evident within a few years to encourage local support when Federal Financing is no longer possible. To clarify any misunderstanding the following list of qualifying conditions for reimbursement are listed in abbreviated form: the employment of a certified guidance person; the aptitude and ability testing of all grade VIII and grade IX pupils; a 400 to 1 pupil-counselor ratio; one annual counseling interview with each student; a guidance reference library; an office equipped with proper furniture, files and telephone; individual pupil cumulative record folder; and, a placement service.

Director Edward Burgess is well trained and qualified for the position and his efforts and results since September merit full co-operation and support from parents, school personnel and pupils.

The ultimate objective of the State Board of Education is a ratio of 300 pupils to one full-time counselor and a guidance office including a general reference room and interview room for each counselor.

Physical Education

President John F. Kennedy has called attention to the need for increased attention to the physical fitness of our youth. The President's Council on Youth Fitness has outlined basic and comprehensive programs which include screening tests to identify the under developed pupil and remedial exercises.

It is possible to do a great deal more at the local level in spite of the handicaps imposed by limited and remote facilities if money is provided for the salaries of health and physical education instructors. At the secondary level (grades 7-12) the young men and women should be trained under the leadership of their own sex while at the elementary level the instructors can divide the responsibilities according to the grade level and program being followed.

Unfortunately the decision has been made that money will not be included in the 1962 Budget for the recommended one instructor to provide a full program for the boys at the secondary level and for some elementary classes. The indefinite future possible use of the Old Town Hall for elementary classrooms supports this decision.

Cafeteria Report

The preparation and serving of more than one hundred thousand pupil meals during the year indicates by one measure the scope of the school lunch program. Participation increases with added enrollment. The facilities of the kitchen at Cold Spring School have been used far beyond the original planning by the Committee responsible for building the School and it is to their credit that the wise selection of quality equipment has made it possible to have the expanded program. The transportation of food and decentralization of the cafeteria staff to provide for the serving of meals in four buildings does add to the cost. Mrs. Phyllis Mullane has at the present time a difficult management problem in keeping the operation of the program on a self-financing basis and any extension to additional facilities may require supplementary funds. Through the co-operation of the Board of Selectmen and Police Department the original police ambulance was donated to be used for a food-carrying vehicle and newly repainted white with black trim this truck serves as a sanitary and attractive means for delivery of hot lunches.

In conclusion I wish to call your attention to the reports of the Principals, School Nurse and Vocational Household Arts Teacher and recommend them fore careful study. They contain much interesting and enlightening detail on the activities of the Schools during the year.

To the School Committee, School Personnel and many Citizens who have recognized and worked so diligently to help fulfill Belchertown's commitment to educational progress I express my sincere appreciation.

CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

Report of High School Principal

The annual Principal's report of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1961 was:

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
Seniors	25	25	50
Juniors	24	28	52
Sophomores	33	31	64
Freshmen	34	34	68
	116	118	234

The seniors of 1961 broke the record for the number of graduates of any class in the history of Belchertown High School. At the 90th Commencement, June 15, 1961, fifty-two boys and girls received diplomas and, late in the summer, two more pupils were granted diplomas after making up deficiencies at the West Springfield Summer School Session. Of these graduates Patricia Burke, Paul Ferenz and Ruth Flaherty entered the University of Massachusetts last September; Edward Fuller and Lars Peterson are enrolled at the University of Connecticut, Joyce Juskalian is studying at the Bouve-Boston School for Women, which is affiliated with Tufts University; Gerard Lachance is taking courses at the Bentley College of Accounting and Finance; Gould Parker Ketchen and Timothy Knight are enrolled at the Holyoke Junior College; Jeff Hubler is attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts; Kenneth Squires entered North Adams Teachers College; Christine Midura and Thomas Soja are studying at Northampton Commercial College; Michael Greenan is taking night courses at Western New England College; Josephine Bizzarro, Ellen Crimmins, and Martha Jane Hackett are studying nursing in St. Vincent's, Burbank, and Newton Wellesley Hospitals; Thomas Forgette is a member of the U. S. Air Force; John Bigos has enlisted in the Army, and John Cook, Ralph Sexton, and Ronald

Zobka have joined the Navy; Judythe Owen and Marsha Sullivan are attending hairdressing schools; Hazel Barnes, Raymond Beaudoin, Vernon Berger, Francis Bodzinski, Lawrence Bowser, Brenda Bronner, Robert Bukowski, Marguerite Daigle, Maureen Gaudreau, Howard Goodrow, Muriel Jenks, Rosemary Joyal, Doris Lequin, Kathleen McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Wayne Martin, Jean Noel, Joan Perham, Margaret Shea, Christine Squires, Stanley Supczak, William Terry, Kenneth Thayer, Rodrigue Valliere, and Sharon Very have employment. The married members of the class are: James Bosworth, Lillian Cartier, Carole Thomas, Barbara Underwood, and Jo-Ann Zitka.

Changes have occurred in our teaching personnel. Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann accepted positions in Florida and Mrs. Tague retired after having taught social studies since 1945. Mrs. Tague contributed a great deal to her department and her extra help with the cheerleaders is greatly appreciated. New faculty members include Mrs. Lynne Penicnak, who teaches mathematics, Miss Charlotte Barry who has classes in English and French, and Mr. James Harrington who gives instruction in English.

Under the direction of Miss Madeline Fitzgerald, we entered a float in the Bicentennial parade. The theme of the float was "The Little Red Schoolhouse." The Senior Class entered a float in the October 12th parade. It was an enlargement of the float used in the Bicentennial parade. They received the Winslow Piper Award for having the best float in the parade. We appreciate the many hours that Mr. Leja spent with the youngsters in making both floats.

Students receiving NOMA Spelling Certificates

Ann Crisafulli, Maureen Daly, Maureen Gaudreau, Donna Hurd, Muriel Jenks, Chester Jusko, Jean Noel, Norma Michalak, Paul Ferenz, Rosemary Joyal, Doris Lequin and Janice Weeks

A new addition to the High School staff was the appointment of Edward F. Burgess as Director of Guidance. Along these lines the Iowa Tests of Educational Development were again administered to all the pupils in October. This is an achievement test series and the results are very helpful in diagnosing individual subject area deficiencies and in program planning. The personnel of the Ware Division of Employment Security office administered their General Aptitude Test Battery to a senior group; here the emphasis is on vocational planning.

His main emphasis during the first months of the school year has been work with the senior class, especially those planning post high school academic work. The program is based on individual counselling to enable the school to know the pupil better, to provide more adequately for his individual differences, and by so doing, to help the pupil to know himself better—his abilities, his aptitudes, etc. As a result of the best possible meshing of all these factors, the school can fulfill its role in the pupil's successful academic, vocational and life adjustment.

Sixteen Belchertown High School students took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last March. This test was taken by 576,000 students in 15,400 participating high schools. William Hackett won the honor of being a semi-finalist and on the basis of test scores, Pamela Adams, Ann Crisafulli, and Judith Dickinson were among the 25,000 students who received *Letters of Commendation.*

In order to improve our instructional program, new textbooks have been provided and new microscopes were added along with scientific equipment for the science program.

Our Driver Education course is divided into two parts. The first part consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction. This includes a study of the rules and regulations as formulated by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, discussion of the cause of different types of accidents, and studies of various attitudes prevalent in automobile driving. The second part of the course is the six hours of the on-the-road training in a dual-control car. This year 24 Driver Training Certificates were issued through the school program.

Mrs. Clara Cook has continued her enthusiastic program in music. 93 pupils poined the morning Glee Club and 64 members are in the afternoon Glee Club.

William Hackett, Judith Dickinson, Jane Peterson, Sandra Field, Barbara Alden, Robert Henrichon, Lee Lamoureux, Donald Kempkes, and Linda Henneman were accepted to sing in the district chorus. The Gleen Club had an exchange program with Narragansett Regional High School in Templeton, Massachusetts last May. They also auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Greenfield.

The School Band under the direction of Mr. Joseph Contino has played at several public gatherings. The new uniforms which were purchased last summer have greatly enhanced the appearance of the band.

Our athletic program continued to be successful. The championship of the Franklin League was won in both basketball and baseball.

More use than ever has been made of audio-visual programs which provide teachers with resource materials, techniques, tools, and services by which they may better achieve their ultimate goal of effective communication with their pupils.

A large number of parents visited the school during American Education Week to consult with the teachers and get information about the type of work carried on by their children in the classrooms. Also, there was a large gathering at our Science Exhibit which was prepared by the pupils last March.

In concluding this report, I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the School Committee for their excellent cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our pupils; to the entire school personnel for their excellent spirit of cooperation, and to the parents and citizens of the community for their continued support in helping improve our educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY E. HARRINGTON
Principal of the High School

Report of Franklin School Principal

I take pleasure in presenting my annual report as Franklin School Principal.

School opened September 6, and due to the large enrollment in the first grade it was deemed advisable to have the primary room consist of Grade 1 only.

During the summer the backyard was hard topped resulting in more rapid drying after rain and snow and in the elimination of mud in the spring. This has benefited the students since they have been able to take advantage of more recess and noon-hour recreation. It also is advantageous to all people driving vehicles to the rear of the school.

Repair work was done on the exterior of the building—the roof was reshingled and the exterior trim was painted.

A water cooler suitable in size for elementary school children was installed.

Franklin School participated in the Bicentennial Celebration. Many of the students entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in old-fashioned clothes. Old-fashioned songs were sung, and poems and stories were related to the children. A float was entered in the parade. In consisted of a large birthday cake and conveyed the message "Happy Birthday" to Belchertown. My thanks are extended to all those who had a part in making our fine float.

New revised Scott Foresman readers for the third grade and the new revised American singers for the second grade were purchased. The music book empahsizes creative songs and activities. Students through the help of the music supervisor and teachers can start to develop creativity and originality. Certainly music is only one outlet of creativity. However, it is carried over into oral reading, storytelling, and creative writing.

American Education Week was observed during the week of November 5. Parents and teachers had an opportunity to meet each other, and discuss the habits, attitudes and achievements of the child in question. Through cooperation between the parents and teachers, our youth of today will develop into strong citizens and adults of whom we will be proud.

New library books were purchased dealing with many varied subjects. Selection of books made through the bookmobile was also continued. With more and more library books in our rooms we can urge the children to choose their books, read independently, and make a record of the words they miss. They are then taught these words and thus they become a part of their reading vocabularly. After completing a book, they may relate the story to the class or to a small group of children. This provides another outlet for creativity. We firmly believe that children should develop an interest in reading so that they will be able to progress better academically in later school years. We also want to stimulate in children such a love for reading that they will use it as one of the means of occupying their leisure time in later years. On a pre-school level, parents may help their children in this respect by reading stories to their youngsters.

The testing program was continued in all the grades. The Stanford Achievement test was given in Grades I and II and the Iowa Test of Educational Development was administered in Grades III and IV. Tests are only one criteria of a student's achievement but can be a very helpful means of measuring student progress. Achievement tests show the areas in which a student excels and the areas of relative weakness for the child. When a teacher knows this information, she can adjust the program to include enrichment materials to challenge the students in strong areas and give supplementary materials to the child to help him improve areas of weakness. Through tests we can adjust our school curriculum to provide for all students' needs, and we can encourage and help our children to utilize their talents and abilities so that their full potentialities and capabilities will be developed.

I would like to thank Mr. Dubek and Mr. Dewey for their fine work in keeping the building neat and comfortable at all times.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation to the school committee, Mr. Peterson, and to all who have cooperated in the education of our children. Our youngsters of today are our hope for tomorrow. With proper guidance, training, and education they will become the shining light that is needed to lead our nation toward peace and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR FITZGERALD
Principal of Franklin School

Report of Cold Spring and Center School Principal

Herein submitted is the annual report of the Principal of the Cold Spring and Center Schools.

The enrollment at the Cold Spring School on the opening day in September was 478. This was an increase of 40 over that of the previous year. At Center the total was 150, the same as that of the previous year. The distribution by grades follows:

Grade	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*
1	49	51	100
2	54	21	75
3	41	32	73
4	38	30	68
5	44	40	84
6	48	30	78
7	40	41	81
8	45	24	69

The grade one enrollment has reached a record high of 100 pupils. For this reason it has been necessary to establish an additional grade one classroom. The all-purpose room has been made into a classroom to provide this needed space.

At the Center School the large assembly room which has served the dual purpose of classroom and assembly area has been divided into two separate rooms. The classroom has made possible additional grouping in grades seven and eight so that all classes now meet in three sections.

Personnel changes this year included Mrs. Phyllis Klingler who replaced Mrs. Rosyln Goldberg in grade two; Miss Maureen Magenis who replaced Mrs. June Moskal in grade three; Mr. Richard Klingler who replaced Mr. William Dickinson in grades five and six, and Mr. Paul Paschetto who replaced Mr. Richard McCabe in grades seven and eight.

Miss Bonta Falk was appointed as an additional grade one teacher and Mr. Joseph Sheehan was appointed as a teacher of social studies in grades seven and eight.

Building improvements in addition to the classroom changes previously mentioned include new flourescent lighting, repainting at the Center School and the completion of the repainting in the downstairs classrooms, corridor, and closets at Cold Spring School.

Included in the textbook replacement program this year were social studies and mathematics in grade six, social studies, mathematics, and science in grade four, and social studies and science in grade three.

The music program continued under the supervision of Mrs. Clara Cook. The Cold Spring glee club performed at a meeting of the P.T.A. in February and the Center School glee club continued its exchange program by performing with the Northfield and Barre Junior High Schools.

In addition to the basketball and baseball program which has been in operation at Center, a soccer program was introduced on an intramural basis mainly. Two informal games were played with other schools.

During the past few years the enrollment in each class at Cold Spring School has gradually increased. Until the present time it has been possible to contain the children under the double classroom arrangement set up when the building opened in 1954. Although it has been physically possible to house the children, it has not been possible to give the necessary attention to everyone and as a result many have suffered.

Last September a third first grade classroom was added to reduce the pupil load on each teacher. Next September this arrangement will be necessary in grades one, two, three, five, and six. To accomplish this, three additional teachers and four classrooms will be needed. These classrooms will have to be located away from the building as all available space is now being utilized.

With additional classrooms will come an increased demand on the time required of the supervisors. At the present time the music supervisor is limiting herself to a visit every other week in grades one through six and feels that a weekly visit is necessary. The handwriting supervisor has eliminated monthly classroom visits in grades seven and eight so that the time may be devoted to the elementary grades. Added classrooms will require an increase in the amount of time presently being allotted for these services.

In September Mr. Carl Hagman of the custodial staff at Cold Spring announced his retirement. He was replaced by Mr. Robert Welch. The work of the custodians at Cold Spring and Center has been made more difficult by the larger number of students in attendance this year and by the fact that the buildings were without the services of one full-time worker during October and November. It is a credit to the teachers and custodians that the high quality of maintenance in these buildings continues.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation to all those who have helped in any way in the conduct of our school program.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER
Principal,
Cold Spring-Center Schools

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

The total enrollment of girls in Household Arts is 80, divided into classes as follows:

Seventh Grade	42
Eighth Grade	28
Ninth Grade	10

The Junior High girls learn the fundamentals of hand and machine sewing in making simple cotton garments. The use of the commercial pattern is taught after the first gathered skirt, which requires no pattern. The Eighth Grade schedule includes the fundamentals in food preparation and table setting. The enthusiasm of this age group is a joy to their instructor, many of them returning after school for extra instruction. In May, the girls invited their mothers to a fashion exhibit and modeled the garments they had created.

Some of the objectives of the Ninth Grade are:

Understanding ourselves and others
Becoming good baby sitters (safety and child care)
Learning food values through planning, preparing and serving nutritionally adequate meals
Planning appropriate and becoming wardrobes.

In May, the Tenth Grade girls planned, prepared and served a luncheon, with the Superintendent, the High School Principal, the Advisory Council, and the School Committee as guests.

The department has received two new sewing machines this year, which are greatly appreciated.

I wish at this time to thank the school officials, and any others who have helped to make this year a beneficial one for the girls.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE JACKSON
Household Arts Instructor

Report of School Nurse

Herewith, I submit my report as School Nurse for 1961. Another year has rolled by having brought with it new problems, responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities.

Comparatively speaking, the health picture in our schools has been satisfactory. This is not a matter of just luck but it is the result of better education and co-ordination. As time moves on, changes take place and steps toward improvements become necessary. A successful School Health Program is dependent upon the cooperation of a team of participants consisting of school physician and nurse, principals, supervisors, teachers, maintenance personnel, school lunch personnel, and parents.

Although there are many obstacles to health, modern science has made it possible to combat disease and maintain health by deeloping and practicing the rules that make for healthful living. Teachers deserve a word of praise for their keen observations and prompt reporting of symptoms to me which leads to early diagnosis and proper care. Parents are becoming increasingly more aware of their responsibilities and are more cooperative in carrying out their share in the prevention of spreading illness by complying with the rules and regulations established for school purposes.

Some of the dread diseases have become almost extinct and many have become less dangerous because of new drugs and immunization. Again, this year Dr. Kenneth L. Collard conducted two anti-Polio Clinics in April and May. There were 608 persons who took advantage of this joint service by the Board of Health and the School Department. To keep absenteeism at a minimum, 48 of the school personnel were inoculated against the "Flu" on December 20. In June Dr. Goodhue, Superintendent of the Hampshire County Sanatorium, administered the Mantoux test to the pupils in the 4th, 9th, 12th grades and known contacts. Also, all school personnel who were due to renew the required negative test for tuberculosis. Physical examinations for the students in the selected grades and nw entrants were performed early in the Fall by Dr. James Collard. Home Nursing was taught jointly with Mrs. Florence Jackson to the Sophomores taking Household Arts, and certificates issued to those completing the course satisfactorily. The Vision test was given to 911 students. The result showed that 67 of the children had defective eyes; and, 907 were given the hearing test of which 39 failed. The response by parents in seeking medical care and correction has been most gratifying this year. Two Physically Handicapped pupils were referred to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and accepted. One of these having graduated from High School is now attending college under the auspices of the above mentioned organization. The other pupil will be considered when he completes his High School education.

During the Spring vacation, I accompanied, along with Mrs. Pero and Mr. Tremaine, the Senior Class to Washington, D.C. Fortunately there were no major health problems. In May I attended the meeting of the Massachusetts School Nurses' Association at the University in Amherst, Massachusetts. Several prominent Specialists spoke on subjects pertinent to school health. Films and actual case studies were presented. A discussion on School Health and the School Nurse was conducted by a panel consisting of Dr. Purvis, Dean of the University of Massachusetts, the Superintendent of Schools of Agawam, an Othopedic Surgeon, Dr. William Wagenbach, Director of the Mental Health Center in Holyoke, and two nurses. It was one of the most meaningful meetings I have ever attended.

As in the past, there have been some serious social problems. Whenever necessary, the services of other agencies have been enlisted. During the course of the year, "health talks," films and discussions have been employed as a means of health teaching in the elementary level since formal teaching is not feasible at present.

Our health depends partly upon the state of our mind. Mental Health is being recognized as a very important factor. Often a student will develop a headache or digestive disturbance when he is suffering from mental conflict or is unable to face his problem squarely and overcome whatever the obstacle may be. This is seldom done consciously. In handling such a situation, a great deal of patience and tact is required. Occasionally better results are obtained by firmness—with the door left open for him to find his way back without "losing face." Most frequently, such cases occur in the first grade and the group between the 6th and 9th grades, for obvious reasons. Proper guidance and direction in helping to form a healthy attitude is vitally important.

When schools reopened in September of 1961, discouraging facts in some areas had to be confronted. Although a nurse is expected to be resourceful and ingenious, certain features caused by overcrowding in our schools cannot be dismissed by wishful thinking. It has been trying to execute certain portions of my duties with absolute satisfaction. I am referring to the care of students taken ill while in school or those who are injured. Corridors or classrooms are hardly the best locations for this function. In the High School, I am forced to carry out this task as well as testing eyes and ears, on the stage in Memorial Hall with classes being conducted at the same time. Frequently I am "invited" to leave when the stage has to be used for its original purposes. A similar situation is present at the Center School. This year even the stage was eliminated to make space for another classroom. Vision and Hearing Tests and other duties had to be performed in an inadequate basement room which has its approach by way of the boiler room. At Franklin School the situation is no better as all of my work had to be done in the corridor, with frequent necessary interruptions. At Cold Spring School the All-Purpose room is now housing a class. This space used to provide recess-break during inclement weather. It is a long day, especially for the little ones, without the opportunity to "stretch their legs" and release that pent-up energy by physical activity. I feel very strongly that our boys and girls deserve at least a minimum of security and privacy, and that our community owes them a safe and healthy environment.

Dr. James Collard, due to illness, has not been too active this Fall, and has been missed very much indeed. However, we have been very fortunate in having the services of Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, acting for his father at present. I know everyone joins me in wishing Dr. James a fast recovery. We are also very fortunate in having Mr. Edward F. Burgess as Guidance Director. This is a stride forward and will have an impact on our schools' "total-well being."

I wish to thank everyone who has had a part in making the school health program as effective as possible, and close with great confidence that better days are not too far in the future.

Respectfully yours,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R.N.
School Nurse

School Financial Report

Classification of School Expenditures, 1961

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	$ 169.00	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	8,299.94	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery, and telephone	5,328.30	
Law Enforcement	26.12	13,823.36
INSTRUCTION		
Teacher Salaries	171,907.45	
Teacher Expenses	5,102.42	
Instructional Supplies	10,037.03	187,046.90
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	14,808.35	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	7,463.01	
Fuel	5,544.01	27,815.37
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	8,496.01	8,496.01
TRANSPORTATION	35,653.88	35,653.88
HEALTH		
Salaries and Expenses	5,320.67	5,320.67
MISCELLANEOUS	1,397.12	1,397.12
HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Salaries and Expenses	6,451.09	6,451.09
CAPITAL OUTLAY	4,500.00	4,500.00
LIBRARY	523.09	523.09
		$291,027.49

Expenditures, 1961 Budget		$291,027.49
Special Available Funds:		
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	$2,931.76	2,931.76
Total Cost of Schools		$293,959.25
Total Receipts, 1961: Appropriation	$293,490.00	
Special Funds	2,931.76	296,421.76
Less: Total Cost to Schools		293,959.25
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$ 2,462.51

REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:

Department of Public Welfare (State Wards)	$7,891.51	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	44,415.13	
Transportation	30,702.85	
Superintendent	3,333.33	
Vocational Education (Household Arts)	2,859.59	89,202.41
Used from Available Funds:		
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	2,931.76	2,931.76
		$92,134.17

Recapitulation

Total cost of Schools		$293,959.25	
Offset to 1962 Taxes	$89,202.41		
From Available Funds	2,931.76	92,134.17	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1961			$201,825.08
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1960			183,436.05

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation		$13,160.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$3,276.00	
Tuition	9,409.18	12,685.18
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$474.82
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Transportation	$1,831.20	
Tuition	5,352.86	7,184.06
Total Expenditures	$12,685.18	
Reimbursement from State	7,184.06	
Actual Cost to Town		$ 5,501.12

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1961

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	97	77	72	69	85	77							477
Franklin School	23	19	15	23									80
Center School							81	66					147
High School									69	62	51	50	232
	120	96	87	92	85	77	81	66	69	62	51	50	936

90th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 15

1961

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Hazel May Barnes
Raymond Thomas Beaudoin
Vernon Howard Berger
John James Bigos
Josephine L. Bizzarro
Francis J. Bodzinski
James Edward Bosworth
Lawrence Pendleton Bowser, Jr.
Brenda Alice Bronner
Robert Edward Bukowski
Patricia Ann Burke
Lillian Mildred Cartier
John Calvin Cook, Jr.
Ellen Mary Crimmins
Marguerite Ann Daigle
Paul Joseph Ferenz
Ruth Warren Flaherty
Thomas R. Forgette
Edward Louis Fuller
Howard Francis Goodrow
Michael Vincent Greenan
Martha Jane Hackett
Jeff L. Hubler
Muriel A. Jenks
Rosemary Patricia Joyal
Joyce Pauline Juskalian
Gould Parker Ketchen
Timothy Knight
Gerard R. Lachance
Doris May Veronica Lequin
Kathleen Marie McCarthy
Margaret Ann McCarthy
Christine Elizabeth Midura
Jean Carol Noel
Judythe Diann Owen
Joan Carol Perham
Lars Austin Peterson
Ralph John Sexton
Margaret Elizabeth Shea
Thomas T. Soja
Christine A. Squires
Kenneth Herbert Squires
Marsha W. Sullivan
Stanley Albert Supczak
William Andrew Terry
Kenneth James Thayer
Carole-Sue Thomas
Barbara Anne Underwood
Rodrigue Samuel Valliere, III
Sharon Ann Very
Jo-Ann Marie Zitka
Ronald Francis Zobka

PROGRAM

Processional		Judith Dickinson Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Marvin R. Green
Song:	"This Day We Do Honor"	*W. A. Mozart*
Salutatory		Joyce Juskalian
Song:	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	*Si Miller and Jill Jackson*
Valedictory		Paul Ferenz
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Dr. Clarence I. Chatto Director of Evaluation, New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
Police Association Award		A. Preston Atwood
Lions Club Scholarship		Kenneth Thayer
P. T. A. Scholarship		Major Benton Fielder
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Harold W. Willey Chairman School Committee
Song:	"The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise" Christine Squires and Martha Jane Hackett	*Lockhart - Seitz*
Benediction		Rev. George R. Dudley
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Judith Dickinson

Belchertown Public School Directory

	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson—Superintendent of Schools	1953
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
Mrs. May Rose Dewey—Secretary to Superintendent Schools	1945
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian—School Nurse, R. N.	1954
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
Mrs. Clara Cook—Music Supervisor	1948
Bernardston, Massachusetts	
Joseph Contino—Band Director and Instrumental Instructor	1956
50 Fairview Way, Amherst, Massachusetts	
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing	1950
Waltham, Massachusetts	
Mrs. Phyllis Mullane—Cafeteria Manager	1954
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
George M. Dewey—Head Custodian	1946
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
HIGH SCHOOL	
Guy E. Harrington—Principal	1943
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
Edward F. Burgess—Guidance Director	1961
114 Whitney Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts	
Mrs. Ruby Martin—Secretary	1959
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	
Miss Charlotte M. Barry—English and French	1961
113 Main Street, Three Rivers, Massachusetts	
Stanley F. Czech—Commercial Dept., Boys' Physical Education	1957
97 South Street, Ware, Massachusetts	
Miss Barbara A. Ernest—Physical Sciences, Mechanical Draw.	1960
Birch Hill Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts	
Miss Madeline M. Fitzgerald—Commercial Department	1958
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts	

James J. Harrington—English 1961
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Florence N. Jackson—Household Arts, Civics 1946
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

James F. O'Leary—Social Studies, Basketball & Baseball Coach 1957
3 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Mrs. Lynne A. Penicnak—Mathematics 1961
5 Churchill Street, Amherst, Massachusetts

Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—French and Biology 1956
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—Latin, English 1941
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Jerome P. Shea—Biology and Chemistry 1959
88 Westfield Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Gerald G. Tremaine—Mathematics, Social Studies, Driver Trg. 1952
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CENTER SCHOOL—7 and 8 DEPARTMENTALIZED

Donald E. Geer—Principal 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Bernadette S. Bowler—English and Mathematics 1942
Three Rivers Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Barbara G. Field—Mathematics, Language Arts, and Social Studies 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Paul E. Paschetto—Mathematics and Science 1961
Abbey Road, Hazardville, Connecticut

Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—English and Language Arts 1957
Robin Farm, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Joseph E. Sheehan—Social Studies 1961
66 Ventura Street, Springfield, Massachusetts

Paul J. Whitlock—Mathematics, Science 1960
462 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor M. Fitzgerald—Principal, Grades 2 and 3 1931
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts

Mrs. Marilyn J. Hayward—Grade 1 1960
Sears Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Mildred M. Carter—Grades 3 and 4 1943
25 South Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Supervising Principal, Grades 1 - 6 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Jean C. Noel—Secretary 1961
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Bonta L. Falk—Grade 1 1961
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. May K. St. Germain—Grade 1 1960
22 Sanford Street, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara H. Yanginski—Grade 1 1960
North Silver Lane, Sunderland, Massachusetts
Mrs. Phyllis M. Klinger—Grade 2 1961
Box 375, Palmer, Massachusetts
Miss Irene B. Orlando—Grade 2 1917
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Maureen J. Magenis—Grade 3 1961
69 South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams—Grade 3 1958
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson—Grade 4 1957
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Grade 4 1948
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusettts
Mrs. Madeleine R. Lambert—Grade 5 1924
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Grade 5 1958
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Margaret T. Austin—Grade 6 1954
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary M. Avery—Grade 6 1960
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Paul D. Klingler—Grades 5-6, Science, Mathematics, Boys' Physical Education 1961
Box 375, Palmer, Massachusetts

CUSTODIANS

William Kimball, Jr.—High School, Household Arts 1950
Albert Dudek—Franklin School 1950

Wayne Martin—Part time, Center School Cafeteria	1961
Robert Welch—Cold Spring School	December, 1961
William Aldrich—Union School	1950

CAFETERIA

Carol Hubbard—Bookkeeper	1957
Ann Fielder, Worker	1960
Rose Lemire, Worker	1960
Lois Lowe, Worker	1956
Ruth Mundell, Worker	1959
Florence Pierce, Worker	1959
Clara Skinner, Worker	1955
Josephine Zobka, Worker	1957

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 6, 1961 to JUNE 22, 1962

1961

September 6—Wednesday—Schools open—beginning of school year—Regular sessions will be held this day
October 12—Thursday—Schools closed—Columbus Day
October 20—Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention
November 23—Thursday—Schools closed—Thanksgiving vacation
November 24—Friday——Wednesday, November 22—Jr. and Sr. High Schools close at 11.30 a. m.—Elementary Schools close at 12 noon.
November 27—Monday—Schools reopen
December 22—Friday—Schools closed—Christmas Vacation
Regular sessions will be held

1962

January 2—Tuesday—Schools reopen
February 22—Thursday—Schools closed—Washington's Birthday
February 23—Friday—Schools closed—Midwinter Vacation
Regular sessions will be held
March 5—Monday—Schools reopen
April 19—Thursday—Schools closed—Patriots' Day
April 20—Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday
April 27—Friday—Schools closed—Spring Vacation
Regular sessions will be held
May 7—Monday—Schools reopen
May 30—Wednesday—Schools closed—Memorial Day
June 15—Friday—Elementary Schools closed—Summer Vacation
June 22—Friday—Jr. and Sr. High Schools closed—Summer Vacation

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5 AND 12, 1962

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1962, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, and a Tree Warden, each for one year; a Selectman, a Collector of Taxes and Town Collector, a School Committee Member, an Assessor, a Cemetery Commissioner, a Sewer Commissioner, and five Constables, each for three years; a Board of Health Member for one year and one for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1962, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, Program of 1962, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.50 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Tree Warden	1.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1962, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $846.53 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,500.00 to the

Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the War Memorial Account, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Selectmen, for the reconstruction of the walk around the Soldiers Monument on the Common, and such other improvements as they deem advisable in that general area, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee consisting of the Commander of the local American Legion Post, the Veteran's Agent and a third member to be appointed by the Selectmen, all for a period of three years, who shall consider and qualify any additional names that may be submitted for inclusion on the War Memorial, and that a sum of money be appropriated from the War Memorial Account for the purchase and installation of the necessary plates, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to direct the Town Clerk to record in the official town records the names of all veterans as inscribed on the Soldiers Monument and on the War Memorial, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for participation in the Town of Chesterfield Bicentennial Celebration, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install proper and adequate lighting on South Liberty Street from the Palmer town line to the intersection of South and South Liberty Streets, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriat a sum of money for the installation of three (3) street lights on Daniel Shays Highway, beginning at the intersection of Routes 202 and 9, and proceeding northeasterly, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Shea Avenue
Railroad Street
George Hannum Street
Lloyd Avenue
Boardman Road
So. Washington Street
South Street
Gold Street
Warren Wright Street
Bardwell Street
Gulf Road

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to create a special unpaid committee to be known as the Town Beach Committee, to consist of not more than seven (7) members, for the purpose of drawing up regulations, and to make any necessary recommendations pertaining to town beach activities, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to be expended for the purchase of a snow plow, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Available Funds, the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the work of the School Building Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from Unappropriated Available Funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1961:

Town of Easthampton, Welfare Department	$4.00
Royal McBee Corp., Bicentennial Committee	12.00
Massachusett Electric Co., Town Barn	15.87

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a cruiser to be used by the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, and act thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to extend Turkey Hill road from its present junction with Rockrimmon Road 1200 feet to a point opposite the Henry Baggs' home, and further, to extend Chauncey Walker Street from the property of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isaac to the easterly end of the taking from Mr. E. Shumway, a distance of 0.73 miles, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to extend Warren Wright Road northerly 1830 feet to its junction with Route 9, and further, to rename that portion of road that runs southerly from Warren

Wright Road 1750 feet to the relocated Route 9, Old Amherst Road, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws:

Section 1B-B, 2: Add a new paragraph "h": "h". Recreational area of 50 acres or more, under single ownership for camping, tenting, cabins, or cottages, for seasonal or part time occupancy only. Under the provisions of this section, such sites, facilities, or buildings as are used or occupied for limited periods for recreational purposes shall not be subject to the lot area and yard requirements which pertain to Agricultural Districts. Except for supervisory or maintenance personnel, no recreational unit, building, or site shall be occupied on a permanent basis. Any commercial use of land or buildings for recreational purposes shall be subject to the granting of an appropriate license by the Board of Health under the provisions of Sections 32A to 32D of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. Before the issuance of a permit by the Board of Appeals, a site plan showing all the camping or tenting areas, buildings, water supply and sanitary facilities must be presented.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the membership of the School Committee from three (3) members to five (5) members beginning with the Annual Town Election in 1963, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1962.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

Report of Finance Committee

FOR 1961

and

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1962

Voters and Taxpayers of Belchertown:

According to Town By-Laws "No appropriation shall be made under the report of any committee of the Town until the matter has been considered and reported upon by the Finance Committee." This committee is appointed by the selectmen and consists of an unpaid group of five members. Each financial question concerning the town is fully investigated and a report and recommendation is then made to you, the people.

Your Board has consulted with all the Boards, Committees, and Departments as well as with the Selectmen concerning the 1962 budget. Every effort has been made to give full consideration to all points as well as to adequately look after present problems. We, along with the departments concerned, have tried to establish long range programs. In some cases we have recommended larger amounts than requested in order to avoid greater expenses in the future. These recommendations apply especially to such items as maintenance of buildings, machinery, roads, and salary schedules. For example, the Finance Committee recommended, and you last year approved, the setting up of a Stabilization Fund for future use, when a large capital outlay might be required. Seventy-five thousand dollars was set aside for this purpose in 1961, and we recommend that $10,000.00 be added to the fund this year. Should this money be used for a new school building, the state will match an amount equal to that which we appropriate from this Stabilization Fund. Hence, a tremendous amount of interest will be saved.

Your Finance Committee held its Organization Meeting shortly after the Annual Town Meeting. Harry Boyle and John Collis were the two new appointees to the board. Gerry Whitlock was elected Chairman, Kenneth Thayer, Vice-Chairman and John Collis, Secretary.

Realizing our obligations as members of this Committee, we held many meetings throughout the year, and met with numerous department heads in order to be fully aware of the problems confronting them. As a committee we have consistently tried to make our decisions in accordance with the best interests of the majority of the townspeople.

The following transfers were made during the year to meet unforeseen expenses:

RESERVE FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1961

Appropriation			$6,000.00
Transfers:			
Apr. 16	Election and Registration	$ 105.10	
Sept. 21	Cemetery	400.00	
Oct. 9	Memorial Hall	350.00	
Oct. 9	Cold Spring Rd.	.01	
Nov. 2	Election and Registration	100.00	
Nov. 2	Bridges	200.00	
Nov. 2	Selectmen Expenses	150.00	
Nov. 2	Dog Officer	10.00	
Nov. 11	Police	500.00	
Dec. 11	Election and Registration	200.00	
Dec. 19	Law	322.00	
Dec. 23	Selectmen Expense	60.00	
Dec. 23	Board of Health	140.10	
Dec. 23	Memorial Day	4.75	
Dec. 27	Police	240.00	
Dec. 27	Treasurer's Expense Acc.	17.94	
Dec. 27	Snow Removal	886.00	
Dec. 27	Snow Removal	171.40	
Dec. 27	Roard Machinery Earnings Acc.	1200.00	
Dec. 28	Bridges	25.35	
Dec. 29	Law	35.00	
Dec. 29	Snow Removal	241.90	5,359.55
	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1961		$ 640.45

The various departmental budgets were submitted and many meetings with the respective members were held. It is after many hours of discussion and consideration that we submit the following recommended budget for 1962.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS, 1962 WARRANT

Art. 1. Appointments of Almoners and Trustee, Special Funds.
No recommendation.

Art. 2 Reports of Officers and Committees.
No recommendation.

Art. 3. Dog License Fund to Library.
Recommended

Art. 4. Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance.
Recommended that $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $28,325.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 5. Chapter 90 Highway Construction.
Recommended that $6,000.00 be raised and appropriated and

$18,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 6 Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Recommended that $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $5,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 7. Wage Rates, Assessors, Trees, Sewer, and Cemetery Department.

Recommended.

Art. 8. Short Term Notes—Treasurer's Authorization

Recommended.

Art. 9. Insurance Reserve Account.

Recommended.

Art. 10. Road Machinery Earnings.

Recommended. $2,500.00 be transferred.

Art. 11. War Memorial improvements

Recommended.

Art. 12. War Memorial name plates.

Recommended

Art. 13. No recommendations.

Art. 14. Chesterfield Bicentennial Celebration.

Recommend. $300.00

Art. 15. Street lighting—South Liberty Street.

Recommend. $440.00

Art. 16. Street Lighting—Daniel Shays Highway.

Not Recommended.

Art. 17. Highway Improvements.

Recommended, raise and appropriate for Boardman Street $1200.00; George Hannum Road $1,200.00; Gold Street $1,200.00; Warren Wright Road $1,200.00; South Washington Street $1,200.00; South Street $1,200.00; Gulf Road $1,600.00 and Railroad Street $400.00. Still following the recommendations of the Road Survey Committee, and part of the road program set up last year, projects on Hamilton Street and Cold Spring Road were completed. Seven of the above roads are school bus and mail routes.

Recommend tabling of petitions for Shea Avenue and Lloyd Avenue. Recommend tabling of Bardwell Street.

Art. 18. Town Beach Committee.

No recommendation.

Art. 19. Road Machinery Earnings Account—snow plow.

Recommend $1,400.00

Art. 20 School Building Committee.

Recommend $2,000.00

Art. 21. Stabilization Fund.

Recommended $10,000.00

Art. 22 Unpaid bills.
Recommended $31.87
Art. 23. Police Cruiser.
Recommended $1,800.00
Art. 24. General Budget.
Recommended $504,421.38
Art. 25. Street names.
No recommendation.
Art. 26. Street names.
No recommendation.
Art. 27. Zoning Bylaws.
No recommendation.
Art. 28. Increase of School Committee members.
No recommendation.
Art. 29. Any other business

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (5.01% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
1. Moderator Expenses	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
2. Finance Committee Expenses	61.00	90.00	90.00
3. Selectmen:			
Salaries—Chairman	475.00	575.00	575.00
Other Mem.	400.00	500.00	500.00
Other Mem.	400.00	500.00	500.00
Expenses	585.09	650.00	650.00
4. Accountant:			
Salary	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses	67.02	325.00	325.00
5. Treasurer:			
Salary	1,700.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
Expenses	1,062.94	1,397.00	1,397.00
6. Clerk:			
Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
Expenses	513.00	550.00	550.00
7. Collector:			
Salary	2,100.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Expenses	1,275.00	1,431.00	1,431.00
8. Assessors:			
Salaries—Chairman	500.00	500.00	500.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses and Wages	1,911.88	2,950.00	2,850.00
9. Law—Expenses	857.00	600.00	600.00

10. Elections and Registrations	1,374.09	2,225.00	2,500.00
11. Planning Board Expenses	605.00	1,500.00	1,300.00
12. Municipal Buildings:			
Old Town Hall	823.46	1,000.00	2,000.00
Lawrence Memorial	679.66	1,700.00	1,700.00
Town Garage	1,170.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Government Totals	19,170.39	24,218.00	25,293.00

COMMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item 3—Selectmen

Selectmen: The work of the Selectmen with new and more stringent regulations and the growing importance of the office as the officials responsible for the Town's affairs, has resulted in a great increase in the time that must be spent on such matters. In addition, the selectmen decided to act as the Building Inspector for the present. This calls for the issuance of all building permits by direct action of the Selectmen.

Item 4

Town Accountant: A salary increase of $100 has been recommended and the sum of $250 allowed to replace the old adding machine which is inadequate.

Item 5

Treasurer: Every taxpayer in town, by his increasing payments to the town, must recognize the great detail which goes into this office. For instance, in 1961 the Treasurer received approximately $1,088,000.00 and paid out approximately $909,000.00. We recommend a salary increase of a $100 more than requested to bring the total more in line with other positions requiring comparable responsibility and work. Also included in this budget is $211 to pur- judgment and a sense of economy. It is hoped that the Sewer Com- chase a new typewriter.

Item 8

Assessors: The increase in this budget is to continue to correct errors in valuation and to uncover untaxed real estate, and personal property. Also $200 is requested to purchase an adding machine.

Item 12: Municipal Buildings

Old Town Hall: It was decided this building should be painted this year in order to save future expense. This will increase the budget approximately $1000. It is also hoped that better supervision will be provided for the ensuing year.

Lawrence Memorial Hall: This budget has been increased $1200 to provide for a new lighting system. We hope to make this the first phase of a needed maintenance program for this building.

Town Garage: A $1000 is recommended a portion of which will be used to continue the maintenance and modernizing of this building. Last year a 20 ton bin was constructed to hold bulk salt, the purchase of which saves the town about $5 per ton.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

(4.18% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recommended 1962
13. Police	$ 7,738.07	$ 8,665.80	$ 8,700.00
14. Fire	3,799.09	3,880.00	3,800.00
15. Forest Fires	998.33	1,000.00	1,000.00
16. Hydrant Service	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
17. Sealer of Weights & Measrs.	120.00	120.00	120.00
18. Inspector of Wiring	300.00	300.00	300.00
19. Civil Defense	46.86	1,400.00	1,400.00
20. Water Storage Holes (Fire)	00.00	300.00	300.00
21. Tree Services			
Tree Warden	1,399.35	1,400.00	1,400.00
Expenses and Wages	680.00	700.00	700.00
Insect Pest Control	1,197.95	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dutch Elm Disease			
22. Board of Appeals	00.00	50.00	50.00
23. Dog Officer Expense	60.00	100.00	100.00
Protection Totals	$18,339.65	$21,035.80	$21,070.00

COMMENTS PROTECTION PERSONAL AND PROPERTY

Item 13

Police: The Selectmen have recommended year around patrols. The Finance Committee, in concurring with this, recommends the necessary budget increase. It should be noted that the cost of the school traffic officers is borne by this department. Last year the increased expenditures were due to the inclusion of $200 for a town beach patrol officer and extraordinary maintenance on the cruiser.

Item 14

Fire: The morale of the Fire Department is very high. It has taken honors in all competitions entered and while 1961 was a good year from the standpoint of few fires, we know that we have an excellent and alert department. The properties of this department have been tremendously improved through the efforts of the members.

Item 19

Civil Defense: Due to the National interest in Civil Defense, this budget has been increased.

HEALTH AND SANITATION (1.37% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recommended 1962
24. Board of Health:			
Salaries—Chairman	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	1,415.10	1,500.00	1,500.00
25. Sewers:			
Salaries—Chariman	150.00	150.00	150.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	3,757.84	4,000.00	4,000.00
Filter Bed Expense	00.00	00.00	00.00
26. Town Dump	643.77	770.00	700.00
Health and Sanitation Totals	$ 6,516.71	$ 6,970.00	$ 6,900.00

COMMENTS HEALTH AND SANITATION

Item 25

Sewer: The management of the Sewer Department shows good missioners will be consulted frequently as to the sewer requirements of a new High School as they have the necessary experience to render the Town a valuable service in this connection.

Item 26

Town Dump: Conditions here are greatly improved.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS (4.7% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recommended 1962
27. Highways, general	$ 4,296.31	$ 4,300.00	$ 4,300.00
27. Bridges	3,825.25	4,200.00	3,900.00
29. Snow Removal	10,299.30	9,000.00	9,000.00
30. Sidewalks, Maintenance	241.14	200.00	200.00
31. Street Lights	5,750.29	6,305.00	6,305.00
Highways & Sidewalks Totals	$24,412.29	$24,005.00	$23,705.00

COMMENTS HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

The items in this budget do not include monies and work under chapter 81, chapter 90 construction or chapter 90 maintenance. Those items are covered by separate articles.

Item 27

Highway General: The budget remains the same in 1962 as for the previous year. One thousand eight hundred dollars is to be used for street or sidewalk maintenance and $2500 for continuation of the brush cutting program set up two years ago. We have had a successful start on this program and if continued along with the use of spray we should have a minimum problem in future years. Last year most of the spray was donated by the utility companies.

Item 28

Bridges: The budget this year is $3900 an increase of $300. A $1000 is recommended for a new culvert on Gold Street plus $1300 for the same purpose on Federal Street. Three hundred dollars is for additional guard rails and $1300 for replacement of planking, posts, and guard rails. The new culverts are part of a long range plan to replace the old wooden bridges which require a lot of upkeep.

Item 29

Snow Removal: Last year the budget was increased to $9000 in hopes that the original appropriation would be sufficient and no transfers would be required. However due to severe weather conditions an additional $1299.30 was needed.

General Comments: The maintenance program set up last year for major equipment seems to have been satisfactory and has helped increase the efficient operation of the department. It is recommended that it be continued.

CHARITIES AND RELIEF (6.42% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
32. Board of Public Welfare:			
Salaries—Chairman	$ 175.00	$ 175.00	$ 175.00
Other Mem.	125.00	125.00	125.00
Other Mem.	125.00	125.00	125.00
Welfare District	2,494.29	2,460.43	2,460.43
General Relief Old Age Assistance M. A. A. Disability Assistance Aid, Dependent Children Public Assistance	27,216.90	29,500.00	29,500.00
Charities and Relief Totals	$30,136.19	$32,385.43	$32,385.43

COMMENTS CHARITIES AND RELIEF

Item 32

Public Welfare: This year the Federal and State reimbursement was 67% of the total expenditure. During the year, 77 cases were handled, 56 from Belchertown and 21 from Granby.

VETERANS DEPARTMENT (.85% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recommended 1962
33. Veterans Agent:			
Salary	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
Benefits and Expenses	1,604.15	4,000.00	4,000.00
Veterans Department Totals	$ 1,904.15	$ 4,300.00	$ 4,300.00

COMMENTS VETERANS DEPARTMENT

Item 33

Veterans Agent: This budget is dependent upon economic conditions and can fluctuate accordingly.

SCHOOLS (65.86% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
34. Schools:			
General Control	$ 13,823.36	$ 15,265.00	$ 14,963.00
Instruction	187,046.90	206,686.00	206,686.00
Operation	27,815.37	29,745.00	29,745.00
Maintenance	8,496.01	8,000.00	6,498.00
Transportation	35,653.88	37,561.00	37,561.00
Health	5,320.67	5,617.00	5,617.00
Miscellaneous	1,397.12	1,865.00	1,865.00
Household Arts	6,451.09	7,065.00	7,065.00
Capital Outlay	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Library	523.09	1,442.00	1,442.00
Totals	291,027.49	318,246.00	318,246.00
Vocational Education	12,685.18	14,000.00	14,000.00
School and Vocational Ed. Totals	$303,712.67	$332,246.00	$332,246.00

LIBRARY (.4% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
35. Clapp Memorial Library (Plus Dog License Refund)	$2,276.96	$3,255.72	$2,000.00

COMMENTS LIBRARY

Item 35

Clapp Memorial Library: The sum appropriated together with other funds now available, should enable the trustees to start an improvement program. Better lighting, painting and general repairs are needed.

COMMENTS: SCHOOLS (Item 34)

It is realized by the Finance Committee that the school budget constitutes the largest item of the Town Budget, 65.86%, and that a good share of this increase is accounted for by State Legislation.

1. It is hoped that the agreement made by the School Committee and the Finance Committee three years ago to help put the teachers in their proper steps on th Salary Schedule will be completed in June of 1962. As recommended by the Fniance Committee last year, and approved by the School Committee, Minimum and Maximum Salary Schedules have been set for the following positions: Superintendent of Schools, Principals, School Nurse, and custodians.

2. The School Committee informed the Finance Committee that a sum of $3,200.00 was needed to equip four needed additional classrooms, and that no provision had been made for this in their budget. Having taken this problem under consideration, the Finance Committee suggested certain cuts in the School budget in order to sfficiently provide these funds. The School Committee agreed to this plan with certain modifications. The net effect was a saving of $3,200.00 of tax money.

3. It has been recommended by the Finance Committee, and approved by the School Committee that Dwight School be turned over to the Selectmen for sale. This will eliminate the various items that constitute the upkeep of this property, and it will provide some tax income.

PARKS, BEACH, & RECREATION (.26% of total)

Item	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
36. Parsons Memorial Field	$239.89	$400.00	$300.00
37. Town Common	194.80	250.00	250.00
38. Summer Recreation	374.95	750.00	750.00
Park, Beach & Recreation Totals	$809.64	$1,400.00	$1,300.00

COMMENTS PARKS, BEACH & RECREATION

Item 38

Summer Recreation: Three hundred dollars has been added to this budget to provide for supervision and care of the Town Beach.

CEMETERIES (.81% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
39. Cemeteries:			
Comm.—Salaries, Chm.	$ 00.00	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Other Member	00.00	100.00	100.00
Other Member	00.00	100.00	100.00
General Care, Expenses	2,400.00	2,425.00	2,425.00
Soldiers' Care Income	200.00	200.00	200.00
Perpetual Care Income	1,094.97	1,125.00	1,125.00
Cetemteries Total	$3,694.97	$4,100.00	$4,100.00

COMMENTS CEMETERIES

Item 39

Cemeteries: Anyone visiting our many cemeteries must have noted the great improvement in their appearance. For the new year it is expected that the Commissioners will provide an improved program for the recording of grave locations and burials, these files to be kept in the selectmen's office. We urge greater cooperation within this department.

PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (4.26% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
40. Pensions			
Town Employee Members	$4,085.00	$7,305.95	$7,305.00
41. Insurance			
General Insurance	8,749.81	8,991.70	9,300.00
Health Ins. (town share)	3,685.84	4,028.00	4,028.00
Life Ins. (town share)	850.02	838.00	838.00
Insurance & Pension Totals	$17,370.67	$21,163.65	$21,471.95

COMMENTS PENSIONS

Item 40

Pensions: Since this amount is billed us annually by the County, we have no recourse but to recommend it. It represents the requirements of their pension system.

UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS (.32% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
42. Unclassified Items:			
Memorial Day Services	$ 204.75	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Veterans' Day Services	60.00	60.00	60.00
Town Clock	100.00	150.00	150.00
Town Report	985.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve Fund	5,359.55	00.00	00.00
Misc. Unclassified	243.06	250.00	200.00
Unclassified Totals	$ 6,952.36	$ 1,660.00	$ 1,610.00

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST (5.56% of total)

Items	Expended 1961	Requested 1962	Recom'd. 1962
43. Maturing Debt and Interest			
Sewer Loans, Prin.	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
School Loans, Prin.	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sewer Loans, Int.	575.00	525.00	525.00
School Loans, Int.	4,935.00	4,515.00	4,515.00
Temporary Notes, Int.	331.15	1,000.00	1,000.00
Debt and Interest Totals	$ 27,841.15	$ 28,040.00	$ 28,040.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	$463,137.80	$504,779.60	$504,421.38

Conclusion

The above budget, and other money articles recommended in the warrant amount to $530,193.25. To this amount must be added the sum of $12,900, the total of money articles voted in special meetings in 1961. The grand total of the amount to be raised is $543,093.25, an increase of approximately $12,000 over last year.

The Board of Assessors states that each increase in the budget of approximately $7,000.00, will raise the tax rate $1. They also state that they have added approximately $200,000.00 to the total assessed value of real estate and personal property.

The definite tax rate, of course, is set by the assessors with the guidance of the appropriate state officials, and is affected by items in the "Cherry Sheet." These items are not available at this time. Based on the items and comments in the above paragraphs, we believe that the tax rate for 1962 should not be increased materially from the present rate of $47.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GERRY WHITLOCK, Chairman
KENNETH THAYER
SIDNEY WHEELER
HARRY BOYLE
JOHN COLLIS

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 119 dogs—7 kennels.

86 Males	$136.00
20 Females	100.00
31 Spayed	62.00
7 Kennels	85.00
Total	$383.00

I picked up 60 stray dogs and destroyed same.

Picked up 10 dogs hit by cars.

Made 15 calls to homes for investigations.

The allotted $50.00 for advertising and investigations for 1961 did not cover expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE F. CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

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Annual Reports of the

TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1962

FOUNDED 1731 · INCORPORATED 1761

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown, formerly a plantation called Cold Spring, was incorporated in 1761. The name Belchertown came from Governor Jonathan Belcher, a colonial governor, 1730-1741, who owned land in this vicinity. The town, one of the largest in the state in area, is about 12 miles North to South and 5 miles East to West.

Several families were here as early as 1731 from Northampton, Hatfield and Hadley. By 1736 twenty families were here and in 1738 a church was built. Schools are mentioned in 1756.

Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, an early settler, was active in the French and Indian Wars and also in the Revolution when most of the male population marched to Cambridge on April 20, 1775.

A Post Office, the third in the county, was established in 1797.

The War of 1812, not being popular in New England, did not attract enlistments. Hampshire County furnished 4,500 men during the Civil War.

Many taverns and inns thrived during the first hundred years, as travel was slow over bridle paths or by ox cart, and frequent rests were necessary. The Great Road on the west side of the Common extended from Hadley to Brookfield, and stages were operated by a Mr. Clapp who owned a tavern in the center of Town.

The central part of the Common was given by Col. Elijah Dwight when he gave land for the church. Later the north and south ends were deeded in 1803.

A newspaper was printed here in 1826. In the early 1800's there was activity in manufacturing, carriages being a big business from 1837 to 1867. In 1845 articles manufactured were: iron implements, harnesses, chairs, cabinet work, bricks, boots, hats and marble monuments. Women in the homes wove palm leaf hats with material furnished by Amherst hat manufacturers. Many of the swift flowing brooks had mills along them run by early settlers.

A bank with a capital of $100,000 was established in 1825, but remained open only a few years.

Our library was given by John Francis Clapp, who was a descendant of the early stage route owner. Lawrence Memorial Hall is another gift to our Town, and at the Stone House one may see the early history of our town live again in furnished rooms and also in the Ford Annex filled with old time manufactured articles.

—Julia T. Shumway

Town Officers, 1962

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		3-4-63
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-4-63
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Walter Tolpa, Jr.		3-4-63
Michael S. Mathras		3-2-64
Earl F. Henrichon		3-1-65
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-2-64
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-1-65
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Andrew G. Ketchen		3-4-63
Harold W. Willey		3-2-64
Phillis W. Flaherty		3-1-65
	PLANNING BOARD	
Milton R. Locke		3-4-63
William E. Aldrich		3-2-64
Raymond V. Burke		3-1-65
George B. Jackson		3-7-66
William H. Squires, Jr.		3-6-67
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Elwyn H. Bock		3-4-63
Lincoln A. Cook		3-2-64
David G. Hodgen		3-1-65
	ASSESSORS	
Harold B. Ketchen		3-4-63
Arlan V. Skinner		3-1-65
Elliott S. Cordner		3-7-66

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Frederick E. Lincoln	3-4-63
Helen L. Papp	3-2-64
D. Donald Hazen	3-1-65

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	3-4-63

BOARD OF HEALTH

Donald E. Geer	3-4-63
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	3-2-64
Catherine L. Austin, R. N.	3-1-65

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	3-1-65
Ernest M. Gay	3-1-65
Francis P. Loftus	3-1-65
Andrew T. Sears	3-1-65
Herbert E. Squires	3-1-65

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	3-4-63
Sophia M. Pero	3-4-63

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

George A. Poole	3-4-63
D. Donald Hazen	3-2-64
Lewis H. Blackmer	3-1-65

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Selectmen

(All terms expire 3-4-63 except those indicated.)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey	12-1-64

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sidney W. Wheeler	3-4-63
Frederick E. Panzer (Unexpired)	3-4-63
John A. Collis	3-2-64
Harry A. Boyle	Resigned
Kenneth Thayer	3-1-65
William G. Whitlock	3-1-65

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Rose A. Joyal (Temp)	3-5-62
Roy G. Shaw (Temp)	3-5-62
Gertrude E. Riley (Dem.)	3-4-63
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Deceased
Rose A. Joyal	3-2-64
Roy G. Shaw	3-1-65

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Royal K. Gay

VETERANS' AGENT

Frank J. Kosiba

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier

APPEALS BOARD

Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	3-4-63
Arthur Moriarty	3-2-64
W. Ira Shattuck	3-1-65
Henry Renouf	3-1-65
Joseph Tolpa	3-1-65

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Walter J. Henry, Jr.	3-4-63

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

John C. Carr

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry
Merton L. Pratt

FOREMAN, CHAPT. 90 CONSTRUCTION

Donald M. Terry	Duration

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph E. T. Mercier	
David E. Fournier	
Adam L. Antonovitch	
Roy Whidden	(Appointment not accepted)

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Andrew Ketchen	(Appointment not accepted)

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Joseph Tolpa
Eleanor Tolpa
Leo Small
Rudolph Smola
Robert Anderson
Thaddeus Bodzinski

POLICE OFFICERS

Ernest M. Gay
Andrew T. Sears
Adam L. Antonovitch
Frank P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Robert G. Anderson	
Lester Beaudoin	
Randolph Brown	
Edward Czech	
Merton Pratt	
William Squires	
Chester Dzwonkowski	
A. Preston Atwood	
Charles F. Howard	
James Hayward	
Elmer M. Potter	
Francis Goodrow	(Resigned)

SCHOOL TRAFFIC OFFICERS

Earle H. Whitehouse
A. Preston Atwood

Elizabeth M. McCallum
Cynthia L. Lincourt
Stanley DeMoss

SPECIAL POLICE APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Rte. 21 Construction)

Donald M. Terry — Duration

(Limited to State School)

Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.
Francis J. Longtine
Thomas P. Feeney (Appointment not accepted)

(Limited to property of Swift Riv. Sptsmn Club)

Warren Mundell
Henry Lloyd (Thorndike, Mass.)

(Belchertown Fair-Duration)

Nelson Hill	Donald M. Terry
W. Paige Piper	A. Preston Atwood
Isaac A. Hodgen	Stanley Antonovitch

Samuel Joyal

JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Lt. Col. Benton Fielder	Walter L. Papp
David A. Staples	Clifford Holt
Andrew Ketchen (Sch. Comm. Member)	Isaac A. Hodgen
John V. Nelson	Ex-officio Carl J. Peterson, (Supt. of Schools)

WAR MEMORIAL NAMES COMMITTEE

Samuel Joyal (Legion Post Commander)
William Squires, Jr.
Frank Kosiba (Veterans Agent)

APPOINTED BY TOWN MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO MEMORIALIZE FORMER SELECTMEN

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chairman
Frank L. Gold
Michael S. Mathras

ANNUAL TOWN COMMITTEES

SUMMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

Walter Tolpa, Jr. (Selectman)
Phyllis Flaherty (Sch. Comm.Mem.)
Willard Young, Sr.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Michael S. Mathras (Selectman)
Andrew Ketchen (Sch. Comm.)
Willard H. Young, Sr.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harold Willey, Chairman	Phyllis Flaherty
Andrew Ketchen	Carl J.. Peterson, Secretary (Supt.)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Donald E. Geer, Chairman   Catherine L. Austin, R. N., Clerk
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Physician

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

John A. Brickett—Sanitation Agent
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.—Special Agent (B. S. S.)
Louis J. Austin, Animal Inspector   3-26-62
Doris S. Squires—Report Clerk
Melvin Andrews—Inspector of Slaughtering

COMMITTEE TO RECONSTRUCT & MAINTAIN WAR MEMORIAL AREA

Lewis H. Blackmer
Roy Whidden
Frederick E. Lincoln
William H. Squires, Jr.
Isaac A. Hodgen

TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Donald Cole
Dianne Rogers
Doris Dickinson
Samuel Joyal
Theodore Smist
Randolph Brown

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR TAKING OF STREET LIST

Harold F. Peck
Randolph H. Brown
Robert G. Anderson
Adam L. Antonovitch
Merton L. Pratt
Edward Czech
A. Preston Atwood
Elmer M. Potter
Francis P. Loftus
Mabel Depot
Alma Fay
Herbert E. Squires

FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

(to unexpired term)

Harry A. Boyle	Resigned
Frederick E. Panzer	Expires Mar. 1963

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes,
Kenneth B. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Louis Fuller
Deputy Chief Carl Peterson
Captain Kenneth Bristol
Lieutenant Roy Shaw
Lieutenant Isaac Hodgen
Lieutenant Sherman Gould
Lieutenant William Squires

Milton Baggs, Honorary Member
Donald Bock
Elwyn Bock
Harry Brougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Edward Gates
Ernest Gay
Royal Gay
Hubert Greene
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
Raymond Hill
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen
John Hubbard
Samuel Joyal
Joseph Kempkes
Richard Knight
Raymond Menard
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Robert Smith
Herbert Squires
David Staples
Herbert Wood

B. S. S. OPERATORS

Hazel Charles
Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Jean Garron
Jeanne Dubois

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall — Smith Street, Dover
Edward M. Kennedy — 3 Charles River Square, Boston 14
Benjamin H. Smith — Term expired Jan. 1963

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Silvio O. Conte, District No. 1, Term expired as to 1st District 1-1-63
— Belchertown is now in the Second District —
Edward P. Boland, District No. 2 — 100 Mooreland St., Springfield,4

STATE SENATOR

Paul H. Benoit — Worcester-Hampden District
771 Lebanon Hill, Southbridge

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen — Fourth Hampshire District
140 Church Street, Ware

COUNCILLOR, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Raymond F. Sullivan, 8th District, Term expired as to 8th District
— Belchertown is now in the 7th District —
Walter F. Kelly — Seventh District
154 Lincoln Street, Worcester

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Hampshire)

Hiram H. Brownell — Raymond A. Lyman — Edwin M. Podolak
Merrill E. Torrey—Clerk of Courts — County of Hampshire
Raymond A. Warner—Register of Deeds — County of Hampshire
Frank E. Tuit, II—Register of Probate — County of Hampshire
Howard A. Banner—Treasurer — County of Hampshire
Sanford Keedy—District Attorney — Northwestern District

1962 JURY SERVICE LIST

Name	Address	Date drawn	Service
Hazel F. Charles	Jabish Street	1-4-62	Grand
Barbara A. Gay	Main Street	1-4-62	Traverse
George A. Poole	Maple Street	3-29-62	Traverse
Peter J. Godin	State Street	3-29-62	Traverse
Everett Geer	So. Liberty Street	4-26-62	Traverse
Wilfred Noel	Maple Street	4-26-62	Traverse
Lois A. White	C. Walker Street	8-23-62	Traverse
Merton L. Pratt	D. Shays Highway	8-23-62	Traverse
Raymond P. Lagrant	Franklin Street	11-8-62	Traverse
Kenneth F. Bristol	Cottage Street	11-8-62	Traverse

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

List of Jurors

NAME— MALES	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Austin, Joseph F.	West Street	Dairy Farmer	Self employed
Barnes, Philip R.	Federal Street	Maintenance	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Bristol, Kenneth F.	Cottage Street	Mechanic	H. B. Ketchen & Son
Dana, Raymond G.	C. Walker Street	Farm Hand	Belchertown State School
Demetropoulos, Peter	Mill Valley Road	Field Civil Engineer	Install. Eng. office, Westover AFB
Dickinson, Harvey M.	So. Main Street	Plastic Worker	Nat'l Transp. Plastics, Ind. Orchard
Gay, Royal K.	No. Main Street	Truck driver	Chadbourne's Serv. Sta., B'town
Goodrich, Fred	Federal Street	Storekeeper	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Kosiba, Frank J.	Federal Street	Interviewer	Div. of Emp. Comm. of Mass., Ware
Labrie, Joseph	Federal Street	Heat treater	Moore Drop Forging Co., Springfield
Lagrant, Raymond P.	Franklin Street	Stock control man	Monsanto Chemical Co., Ind. Orch.
Morey, Robert	No. Washington St.	Clerk	Belchertown Pharmacy
Slate, William T.	Bardwell Street	Electrician	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls
Slupnicki, Walter S.	Railroad Street	Laborer	Westinghouse, Springfield
Squires, William H., Jr.	Main Street	Auto mechanic	Self employed
Sutcliffe, Robert W.	Poole Road	Stock clerk	Tecnifax Co., Holyoke
Tucker, N. Harold, Jr.	D. Shays Highway	Electrical Tester	General Electric, Holyoke
Wheeler, Sidney W.	Everett Avenue	Financial advisor	Self employed
Tolpa, Joseph	Federal Street	Waste dealer	Willimansett Waste, Chicopee
Pratt, Merton L.	D. Shays Highway	Mechanic	Dorey Motor Sales
Ayers, Lafayette W., Sr.	No. Main Street	School bus operator	Town of Belchertown
Bukowski, Edward	Keyes Street	Buffer	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls
Keller, Frederick	Franklin Street	Maintenance foreman	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee
Barrett, Paul	Maple Street	Maintenance Foreman	Hart-Top Mfg. Co., Holyoke

Smola, Rudolph	C. Walker Street	Turkey Grower	Anderson Turkey Farm
Depot, Philip	Metacomet Street	Chemical Operator	Shawinigan Resins Corp. Ind. Orchard
Thomas, Richard	State Street	Machine Operator	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orch.
Tolpa Walter, Jr.	State Street	Self employed	Williamansett Waste, Belchertown
Samson, Edward	Turkey Hill Road	Auto Body Repair	46 Union Street, Holyoke
Wadsworth, Walter	Mill Valley Road	Field Service Rep.	Whirlpool-Bel'town-Adm Ctr. Mich.
Henrichon, Earl	Chauncey Walker St.	Salesman	Carlisle, Springfield
Henrichon, Edward A. Jr.	Chauncey Walker St.	Electrician	John H. Breck Inc., Springfield
Dudek, Sebastian	Bardwell Street	Farmer	Self employed
Adzima, Peter	Old Springfield Road	Farmer	Self employed
FEMALE			Husband's emp. or occupation
Allen, Amy S.	M. Sears Road	Housewife	———
Austin, Ann C.	West Street	Housewife	———
Grover, Emma L. M.	Federal Street	Housewife	———
Hislop, Lucy J.	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper	——— H. B. Ketchen & Son
Jenks, Celia B.	D. Shays Highway	Retired	———
Lindquist, Alma S.	Mill Valley Road	Bank teller	Ludlow Savings Bank
Rhodes, Helen M.	Enfield Road	Housewife	———
Hennemann, Barbara C.	E. Walnut Street	Clerk	Bell & Hudson Ins. Agency, Inc.
Dunbar, Dorothy	Sargent Street	Tester	General Instrument
Stacy, Adelyn	Walnut Street	Retired	———
Bullough, Constance	State Street	Line girl	F. W. Sickles
Whittaker, Alice	State Street	Housewife	———
Chadbourne, Catherine	No. Main Street	Petroleum Prod. owner	Chadbourne's Serv. Station
Peeso, Hazel	No. Main Street	Housewife	———
White, Lois A.	C. Walker Street	Physical Therapist Aid	Shriner's Hospital
Depot, Edith	Metacomet Street	Housewife	———
Anderson, Marion	Turkey Hill Road	Turkey Raiser	Anderson's Turkey Farm

Report of Selectmen

1962 has come to Belchertown—and gone, but in passing, it left along with its new buildings, new problems, and the promise of things to come pose a real challenge for 1963. Shortly after our Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen organized as follows: Michael S. Mathras, Chairman of the Board; Earl F. Henrichon, Clerk of the Board; and Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; and Walter Tolpa Jr. as the third member of the Board.

The Board of Selectmen met weekly and extra-curricular meetings were scheduled as required. Members of the Board attended all out of town meetings that required local representation, and in addition attended regular sessions of the Selectmen's Association. Because of the complexity of town government today the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns has been formed and Belchertown will assume membership in 1963. This organization will create a sort of a clearing-house between our General Court and towns of the Commonwealth. It will provide all communities with pertinent information when needed, and working in conjunction with the Selectmen's Association will attempt to preserve Home rule and advance the cause of small communities in their dealings with the State.

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As a result of preliminary planning our Chapter 81 road program was responsible for surfacing some 13,300 ft. of highway as compared with the 11,140 ft. surfaced in 1961. In addition to this permanent surfacing several miles of older roads were treated with penetrating sealer. Many severe and frequent snow and sleet storms drained our Snow Removal Account and as usual snow removal funds proved inadequate. The Highway Dept. under the Supervision of Joseph Kulig earns the thanks of this Board for their fine performance during an unusually severe winter. Chapter 81 activity will be considerably increased in 1963 with the addition of new projects financed exclusively by Chapter 782 funds allocated by the Dept. of Public Works to enable communities to complete road projects which otherwise could not be considered with present Chapt. 81 allotments. The Chapt. 782 windfall of some $12,000.00 is a real boon to Belchertown and the Board has already made application for several much needed projects to be financed by this fund.

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Our Chapter 90 Construction project on Route 21 showed real progress under the apt supervision of Don Terry. Some 2,000 feet of road temporarily surfaced in 1961 was permanently surfaced and 2,250 ft of new construction was completed making a total of some 4,250 feet of highway permanently surfaced in 1962. The Board anticipates the completion of construction on Rte. 21 in 1963 and expect to see considerable work done on the Bay Rd. project which was started in 1960.

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Members of the Board attended the Chapter 90 hearings in Northampton and requested additional funds for use on Route 9 maintenance. We have since been informed that our request has been granted to the tune of an additional $1,000.00. As was the case in 1961 Selectmen from surrounding towns again protested the channelling of highway funds almost exclusively to interstate highway construction. Rep. Nolen made a plea for funds for additional work on Rte 9, but apparently to no avail, he did however assure us that he would pursue this project again this year.

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The Board of Selectmen, a town float, and units of the Fire and Police Depts. represented Belchertown at the Bicentennial Celebration in Chesterfield and again in Wales. We wish to thank Dr. Kenneth Collard for his services as our chauffeur on both occasions. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Dickinson for the many hours they must have spent preparing our float and for their participation in both parades.

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It was the belief of the Board that the Cuban crisis would provide the much needed shot in the arm to our Civil Defense program, but as is the case with most towns we merely rubbed our eyes and went back to sleep. We can only hope that we shall not have a rude awakening.

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Much work has been done to improve the appearance and serviceability of our Town buildings. A completely new lighting system has been installed in Memorial Hall, and our Town Hall looks fresh and clean in its new coat of paint. These buildings speak so much for the general morale of the Town that a maintenance program for all town buildings has been set up by this Board.

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The beautiful new Post Office building which now graces the North end of the common has changed to a great degree the daily routine of our movements in town and in the process of this face-lifting new problems of parking and road repair present themselves. We hope to remedy these problems and still maintain the graceful charm of this building.

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Much work was done on the skating area at the North end of the Common, under the constant prodding of Dr. Collard considerable grading and preparation was carried on in the summer months. For the lighting and constant maintenance of this skating area the Board wish to thank the Police Association, the Fire Dept. and of course orchids to Dr. Collard. Presently, the only complaint is that the area isn't large enough.

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During the course of the year this Board issued seventy four building permits. Although the majority of these permits are for minor additions or garages, a goodly number of them are for new homes, and are surely evidence of our growing popularity as a suburban residential area.

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As this report is being written the School Building Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lt. Col. Benton Fielder is preparing to present to the voters of our town their proposal for a new school. This committee has worked long and hard, and it is the sincere wish of this Board that their work will not have been in vain. Surely the crowded conditions of our present facilities must be apparent to all. We have rented almost all available space in town to house classes and unless we can provide adequate classrooms for our growing school population we will have to face decisions that could prove more costly than any proposed school building.

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Perhaps the most aggravating problem facing this Board in 1962 has been the interpretation, or lack of it, of our Zoning Regulations. In a good many instances it seemed as though they were drawn up merely to stifle initiative, in others they seemed too lax. We do believe that all considered, zoning is a necessity in any community and as conditions change our zoning laws should be amended to fit the progressing needs of our town. This Board is acutely conscious of our need to encourage industry to locate here, and we shall do all in our power to make this possible. Perhaps our own Planning Board could review our zoning laws and propose necessary amendments to make some of the restrictions more palatable.

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In closing we wish to thank all Town Departments as well as all local organizations who have cooperated with this Board to make 1962 truly a progressive year.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON

Report of Assessors

The following changes in the Tax Base were made before the 1962 tax rate was fixed on July 27, 1962 The total levy was $7,452,506.00 compared with $7,311,692.00 on January 1, 1961, reflecting an increase of $140,814.00.

Total appropriations voted at the annual meeting and special meetings during the period subsequent to the fixing of the 1961 rate were $549,835.16 compared with $538,535.84 before the 1961 rate was determined; an increase of $11,299.32 to be raised in 1962. As a result of the many months of field work appraising new construction, adjusting incomplete 1961 buildings to condition on Jan. 1, 1962, including search for all other assessable property, the 1961 rate was reduced by two dollars to $45.00, for 1962. Dwellings assessed in 1962 were 1206 compared with 1175 in 1961 an increase of thirty-one. The Board received photostatic copies of one hundred seventy transfers of property during 1961 which were corrected on the 1962 valuation list.

The net increase in the tax base of $140,814.00 was composed of the following: New 1961 construction was assessed for $88,250.00; incomplete 1960 construction was reviewed in the field and corrected by $61,250.00; low value land transferred to building lots resulted in increased land assessment of $13,950.00; appraisal adjustments less fire losses, buildings down and additonal exempt property $20,500.00; less a loss in personal property assessment of $2086.00.

65 Building Permits were issued by the Board Of Selectmen during 1961. Total value $293,569.00. The new valuation system installed in 1958 was very carefully followed in all field work and office procedure which produced the 1962 rate of $45.00.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fees.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$635,358.33
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$2,172.30	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	11.76	
County Tax	14,194.89	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,048.91	
Overlay for current year	6,395.05	25,822.91
Gross amount to be raised		661,181.24
Estimated receipts from State	218,328.84	
Available funds	104,951.03	
County Tax less than estimate	449.85	
State Parks and Reservations less	164.69	323,894.41
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		337,286.83
Total Valuation		
Pessonal Property	689,911.00	
Land and Buildings	6,762,595.00	7.452,506.00
Tax Levy at $45.00		
Personal Property	31,046.05	
Real Estate	304,316.78	
Polls	1,924.00	
Total Levy		337,286.83
Added Assessments		
Real Estate	$933.75	
Personal Property	21.88	
Polls	62.00	
	$ 1,017.63	

Board of Assessors,
HAROLD B. KETCHEN, Chairman
ARLAN V. SKINNER
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

1960—POLL TAX

Outstanding 1-1-62		$8.00
Abated	$8.00	
O/S 12-31-62	None	
	0.00	0.00

1961—POLL TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$38.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	4.00	
O/S 12-31-62	34.00	
	$38.00	$38.00

1962—POLL TAX

Committed for collection		$1,986.00
Refunded		10.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	$1,842.00	
Abated	118.00	
O/S 12-31-62	36.00	
	$1,996.00	$1,996.00

1960—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$255.42
Collected, paid to Treas.	$126.42	
O/S 12-31-62	129.00	
	$255.42	$255.42

1961—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$1,028.84
Refunded		1.18
Audit adjustment (Interest)		1.43
Collected, paid to Treas.	$842.74	
Abated	1.18	
O/S 12-31-62	187.53	
	$1,031.45	$1,031.45

1962—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Committed for collection		$31,046.05
Collected, paid to Treas	$30,590.43	
Abated	113.62	
Outstanding 12-31-62	342.00	
	$31,046.05	$31,046.05

1961—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$74.79
Collected, paid to Treas.	$65.48	
Outstanding 12-31-62	9.31	
	$74.79	$74.79

1962—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Committed for collection		$737.63
Collected, paid to Treas.	$616.45	
Abated	3.13	
Outstanding 12-31-62	118.05	
	$737.63	$737.63

1960—SEWER CHARGES

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$30.00
Outstanding, 12-31-62	$30.00	
	$30.00	$30.00

1961—SEWER CHARGES

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$220.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	$150.00	
Outstanding 12-31-62	70.00	
	$220.00	$220.00

1962—SEWER CHARGES

Committed for collection		$4,770.00
Refunded		7.50
Collected, paid to Treas.	$4,550.00	
Abated	7.50	
Outstanding 12-31-62	220.00	
	$4,777.50	$4,777.50

1962—SEWER BETTERMENT (Apportioned)

Committed for collection		$129.79
Collected, paid to Treas.	$96.05	
Outstanding, 12-31-62	33.74	
	$129.79	$129.79

1962—SEWER BETTERMENT (In full)

Committed for collection		$144.90
Collected, paid to Treas.	$144.90	
	$144.90	$144.90

1962—COMMITTED INTEREST (Sewers Appor.)

Committed for collection		$41.52
Collected, paid to Treas.	$30.72	
Outstanding 12-31-62	10.80	
	$41.52	$41.52

1959—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$74.37
Collected, paid to Treas.	$72.42	

Abated	1.95	
Outstanding 12-31-62	none	
	$74.37	$74.37

1960—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$2,724.34
Refunded		.10
Collected, paid to Treas.	$2,590.94	
Tax Titles	122.75	
Outstanding 12-31-62	10.75	
	$2,724.44	$2,724.44

1961—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$25,898.55
Committed for collection during, 1962		18.80
Refunded		47.00
Collected, paid to Treas.	$20,290.28	
Abated	47.00	
Tax Titles	256.15	
Outstanding 12-31-62	5,370.92	
	$25,964.35	$25,964.35

1962—REAL ESTATE TAX

Committed for collection		$305,250.53
Refunded		361.82
Collected, paid to Treas.	$279,411.61	
Abated	5,166.00	
Tax Titles	245.25	
Outstanding 12-31-62	20,789.49	
	$305,612.35	305,612.35

1959—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$38.48
Collected, paid to Treas.	$19.24	
Abated	19.24	
Outstanding 12-31-62	none	
	$38.48	$38.48

1960—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$713.90
Paid after abatement		54.33
Collected, paid to Treas.	$54.70	
Abated	494.06	
Outstanding 12-31-62	219.47	
	$768.23	$768.23

1961—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding, 1-1-62		$10,170.29
Committed for collection during, 1962		1,751.07
Refunded		807.79
Collected, paid to Treas.	$10,936.10	
Abated	1,180.71	
Outstanding 12-31-62	612.34	
	$12,729.15	$12,729.15

1962—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Committed for collection		$63,732.56
Refunded		3,174.26
Collected, paid to Treas.	$58,467.51	
Abated	4,458.71	
Outstanding 12-31-62	3,980.60	
	$66,906.82	$66,906.82

BALANCE

Outstanding, 1-1-62 (Taxes, excises, Sewer charges)		$41,274.98
Committed for collection during 1962		409,608.85
Refunds and paid after abatement		4,465.41
Collected, paid to Treasurer	$410,901.99	
Abatements	11,619.10	
Tax Titles and subsequent titles	624.15	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1962	32,204.00	
	$455,349.24	$455,349.24

Taxes, excises & Sewer charges collected during 1962	$410,901.99
Demand and warrant fees collected during 1962	1,190.95
Interest added to bills collected during 1962	722.56
Total cash paid to Town Treasurer	$412,815.50

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town and Tax Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in Treasury, 1-1-62	$179,450.47	
Receipts, 1962	881,777.97	
		$1,061,228.44
Expenditures, 1962	$864,189.98	
Cash in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1962	197,038.46	
		$1,061,228.44

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Fund	Bal. 1-1-62	Withdrawn	Interest	Deposits	Bal. 12-31-62
George Longley Music	$2,683.10	539.06	89.55	....	2,233.59
C. Bridgman High School	6,124.40	....	239.61	....	6,364.01
S. M. D. Bridgman Cemetery	582.03	....	22.75	....	604.78
Whiting Street	10,780.78	245.72	416.87	....	10,951.93
Willard Stebbins Cemetery	1,406.25	....	55.00	....	1,461.25
C. Bridgman Library	4,075.00	....	159.43	....	4,234.43
N. E. Brown Mt. Hope Cem.	1,084.52	30.00	42.01	....	1,096.53
Cemeteries' Perpetual Care	30,922.43	1,146.15	1,198.91	900.00	31,875.19
Post War Rehabilitation	112.88	....	4.38	....	117.26
Stabilization	75,000.00	....	2,801.69	10,000.00	87,801.69
	$132,771.39	1,960.93	5,030.20	10,900.00	146,740.66

S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund—525 Shares common capital stock, 1st National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00

S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund—35 Shares common capital stock, West Side Properties, Inc. @ 40.00

During 1962 the treasurer, as authorized, borrowed the following:

Note No. 218—$50,000.00, dated 6-12-62, due 11-9-62, discounted @ 1.27% —	$259.16
Note No. 219—$50,000.00, dated 8-3-62, due 11-30-62, discounted @ 1.27% —	188.54
Total discount	$447.70

There were 286 employees of Belchertown during year 1962, all departments.

Gross wages of employees		$319,638.82
Deductions—		
Less, Blue Cross—Blue Shield	$3,432.04	
Less, Group Life Insurance	780.23	
Less, W. H. Tax, Federal	41,938.70	
Less, Teacher Retirement, State	10,483.01	
Less, Town employee retirement	3,528.42	
Less, W. H. Tax, State	3,383.23	
Net wages paid employees	$256,093.19	
	$319,638.82	$319,638.82

Income from funds invested by treasurer (Exclusive of trust funds) $959.54

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

Births

Boys—44 Girls—45 Total—89

Place of birth—

Holyoke	28	Northampton	9
Ware	18	Chicopee	7
Palmer	12	Ludlow	3
Springfield	11	Boston	1

Twin births—2 2 boys 1 boy, 1 girl

Race—Caucasian 88 Yellow 1

Marriages

Recorded—40	Male	Female
Resident	21	24
Non-resident	19	16
	40	40

Married in Belchertown	17
Other (Mass.)	20
Out of state	3
	40

Oldest male—51 Oldest female—38

Youngest male—17 Youngest female—16

Marriage intentions filed—38

Deaths

Male 40 Female—27 Total 67

Died in Belchertown	44
Other (Mass.)	22
Out of State	1
	67

Oldest male—84 Oldest female—88

Youngest male—7 hrs. Youngest female—3 mos.

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Sporting licenses (Gross)	582	$2,673.90
Dog licenses (Gross)	546	1,365.25
Recording mortgages and terminations	128	336.04
Registration of business	5	5.00
Pole location and relocation orders	24	111.00
Registration of fuel and gas storage	33	16.50
Birth, marriage and death copies issued, affidavited	37	135.50
Marriage intentions	38	80.00
Dog license transfer	1	.25
Declaration of trust	1	5.00
Discontinuance of business	1	.50
Registration of M. D. to practice	1	1.00
Sale of town maps	49	24.50
Sale of town by-law booklets	12	3.00
	1,459	$4,757.44

Payments
(To Town Treasurer)

Sporting licenses (Div. of Fisheries & Game)	$2,534.50
Dog licenses (County of Hampshire)	1,228.50
Sporting license, fees	139.40
Dog license, fees	136.75
Dog license transfer, fees	.25
Mortgages and terminations, fees	336.04
Registration of business, fees	5.00
Pole orders, fees	111.00
Registration of fuel and gas, fees	16.50
B - M - Copies and affidavits, fees	135.50
Marriage intentions, fees	80.00
Declaration of trust, fees	5.00
Discontinuance of business, fees	.50
Registration of M. D., fees	1.00
Sale of town maps	24.50
Sale of town by-laws	3.00
	$4,757.44

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Health

Following the Annual Town Meeting the Board of Health organized with the following officers: Donald E. Geer, Chairman; Catherine L. Austin, Clerk; and Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Member at Large. The Board met monthly on the fourth Wednesday, and held one Public Hearing during the year. To carry out the functions of the Board, the following appointments were made:

Agent-Sanitarian: John A. Brickett
Inspector of Animals: Louis J. Austin
Inspector of Slaughtering: Melvin F. Andrews
Report Clerk: Doris S. Squires
Special Agent to the Board of Health from the State School: Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.

Routinely the Chairman of the Board inspected all new septic tank installations and checked old installations when indicated.

Our Sanitarian, accompanied by the Chairman, has made monthly inspections of all eating and drinking establishments, stores, bakeries, and markets. Whenever a deviation from the Sanitary Code of Belchertown was found the Board took appropriate steps to correct it.

Communicable Diseases Reported

The following communicable disesases were reported to the Board of Health in 1962:

Chicken pox	6
Measles	53
Mumps	24
Dysentery (Sonne type)	23
Scarlet fever	4
Scarletina	1
Salmonellosis	6

Hepatitis (Infectious)	1
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	1
Meningitis (Influenzal hemophillus)	1
Dog bites	30

Immunization Program

Influenza: During the school year a total of 71 persons employed by the School Department were inoculated against Influenza.

Poliomyelitis: 900 persons including adults, preschool and school groups were inoculated by both the oral type (Sabin) and the injection type (Salk) vaccine.

Premature Infants

Five premature infants were born during the year, two of whom died.

The Town dump continues to be an unsightly health menace. It will remain so until a proper disposal of refuse, such as sanitary land fill is set up.

Concern for the nationally increasing number of aged persons in the population with their high incidences of chronic diseases, the Federal Government passed the Community Health Services and Facilities Act in 1961. One provision ot this Act is to promote nursing care for persons in their own home, and especially aged persons. Members of the Board of Health have met with officals from the State Department of Health to see if Belchertown might be granted money to help set up a community nursing service. The Board was given assurance that Belchertown would be granted money this year to help initiate a nursing service.

The Board of Health wholeheartedly endorses the nursing service for the Town. A recent community health survey, initiated by the Board and aided by representative citizens, points strongly to the need for a nurse.

The Board of Health regrets keenly the death of Raymond C. Gay, for many years its chairman. His practical knowledge of public health laws and principles; his full committment to the responsibilities of his public office; his generous spirit of helpfulness to the other members of the Board and to the citizens, have left with us a noble pattern in community service.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER, Chairman
CATHERINE L. AUSTIN, Clerk
KENNETH L. COLLARD, Member at Large

REPORT OF SANITATION ADVISOR

The Honorable Board of Health
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

As Agent and Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1962.

During the year regular inspections were made on eleven restaurants, three stores or markets, and one bakery. In general, the sanitary condition of the establishments in the town was satisfactory. Co-operation from the owners of these establishments was extremely fine.

One licensed piggery was inspected monthly. The condition of this business continued to meet health standards .

Two licenses were issued for the establishment of recreational camping areas. Both camping areas were planned wisely and meet the standards established for such areas.

Five public health nuisance complaints were investigated and abated satisfactorily. The low number of nuisances is an indication that the people of the town take pride in their town and an interest in the health of their neighbors.

Sixty itinerant restaurants were inspected during Fair Day. Each establishment operated in accordance with the health regulations.

Monthly inspections were made at the trailer coach park. Continued effort is being made by the Board of Health to insure that high standards are maintained in the park at all times.

During the summer months regular inspections were made of the town beach, and toilet facilities located at the beach. Although the toilet facilities passed inspection, new and modern facilities are needed as well as bath-house facilities. Impending health legislation requires such facilities.

Two samples from Lake Arcadia were analyzed during the summer months. The water was found to be satisfactory for swimming purposes.

Several conferences were held with the Board of Health members to help the Board with its various and many duties.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the people of Belchertown for the fine co-operation that they have extended to me during 1962. With such fine co-operation, the Town of Belchertown will continue to be one of the finest and healthiest towns in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R. S.
Agent - Sanitarian

Belchertown - Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

The activities of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District have been intensified during 1962 by reason of several new Aid to Dependent Children cases and an influx of transfer cases. Emphasis is being placed on special services to Aid to Dependent Children cases in recognizing the particular needs involved and meeting these needs through social services, training and referrals to other agencies when indicated. Eleven Aid to Dependent Children cases involving 31 children were handled during the year. The Old Age Assistance, Medical Assistance for the Aged, Disability Assistance and General Relief programs were administered as usual with no marked change in caseload in these categories.

During the year 91 cases involving 36 children were handled, 346 visits were made and the total expenditure in aid was $61,827.11. The net cost of administering these programs was $3168.25 (Belchertown $1980.16; Granby $1188.09). Reimbursements and expenses for operating the District are apportioned on the basis of 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby. This apportionment is determined by the District Welfare Committee. The District operates on a revolving fund and administrative money unexpended at the end of the year remains in the District to cover operating expenses pending reimbursements. The cash balance at the close of the year was $3573.85 (Belchertown $2233.65; Granby $1340.20). The member towns have been assessed a total of $2452.24 for 1963 expenses (Belchertown $1532.66; Granby $919.58). The breakdown of the expense of operating the District for 1962 is as follows.

Salaries	$9,236.68
Travel	293.23
Postage	169.50
Supplies	140.50
Telephone	226.58
Office Rent	720.00
Equipment	194.50
Office Maintenance	2.90
Compensation Insurance	44.70
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor & Legal Expense	50.00
Legislative Information	10.00
Meetings, Dues, Conferences, etc.	18.20
Miscellaneous	21.00
Druggist Blue Book	9.00
Hampshire County Assessment	746.95
Hospital Insurance	222.72
Group Life Insurance	29.52
Total	$12,147.98

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND W. RANDALL
EARL F. HENRICHON
Welfare District Committee
LENA N. WILSON
Director

Report of Welfare District Director

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The following report reflects the services performed for Belchertown during 1962 through the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District. These have revolved considerably around the Aid to Dependent Children program with nine such cases, including twenty-eight children, being handled. Work on these involved securing support from the absent parent through the court or other available facilities; help in maintaining normal standards of family life, socially and economically; meeting specific needs through referals to other agencies; and rehabilitation. It is expected that this program will demand continued concentrated effort during 1963.

No marked change in Old Age Assistance, Medical Assistance for the Aged, Disability Assistance or General Relief was evident during the year. However, the Legislature did increase the legal exemption for children which was reflected by considerably decreased contributions of children toward their parents' support in Old Age Assistance.

During the year 58 Belchertown cases, involving 28 children, were handled, 265 visits made and the total expenditure in aid was $45,924.63. The case load at the end of the year was Old Age Assistance, 27; Medical Assistance for the Aged, 8; Aid to Dependent Children, 4 (14 children) ; Disability Assistance, 2; and General Relief, 0. Recoveries totalling $2,715.41 were received during the year and the Town now holds 10 Old Age Assistance liens.

The breakdown showing the cost of the various categories of aid and the administration of them follows.

	Expenditures	*Reim-bursements*	*Net Cost*
Old Age Assistance	$25,761.24	$25,868.75	$ 107.51 cr.
Medical Assistance for the Aged	12,359.74	9,844.61	2,515.13
Aid to Dependent Children	5,458.36	4,995.91	462.45
Disability Assistance	1,567.65	1,183.13	384.52
General Relief	777.64	151.64	626.00
Total	$45,924.63	$42,044.04	$3,880.59
Board Salaries	425.00	180.63	244.37
Total	$46,349.63	$42,224.67	$4,124.96
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District			1,980.16

Net cost for all categories of assistance
and the administration thereof for 1962 $6,105.12

I wish to express my thanks for the cooperation shown the District throughout the year by your Board, the various town officials and also by the Police Department in furnishing its ambulance service when necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
Director,
Belchertown-Granby
Welfare District

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1962		$2,805.40	
Receipts, 1962, from—	Federal	5,083.53	
	State	3,879.37	
	Town of Belchertown	2,460.43	
	Town of Granby	1,476.27	
	Employee wage deduct.; Tax, Ret. & Ins.	2,218.86	
	Miscellaneous & sundry	16.83	
			$17,940.69
Expenditures, 1962		$14,366.84	
Cash in treasury, Dec. 31, 1962		3,573.85	
			$17,940.69

Wage Records (3 employees)

Gross Wage $9,236.68 Blue Cross $222.72 Group Ins. $29.52 Federal W. H. Tax $1,407.70 County Ret. $461.83 Mass. W. H. Tax $97.09 Net Wage $7,017.82.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer
(Memorial Hall, Belchertown)

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentleman:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1962. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1962.

Crimes Against Persons:	
Assault and Battery	11
Indecent Assault and Battery upon Child under 14	1
Robbery	4
Accosting Person of Opposite Sex with Offensive Act	1
Crimes Against Property:	
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	5
Malicious Mischief	1
Receiving Stolen Goods	1
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Adultery	1
Contributing towards Delinquency of Minor	1
Driving Motor Vehicle to Endanger	1
Driving Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	1
Drunkenness	7
Fish and Game Laws	18
Lewd Cohabitation	2
Lewdness	2
Motor Vehicle Law Violating	228
Neglect of Family	3
Vagrants	1
Unnatural Act	1
	290
Juvenile Cases	7

The above totals are Crimes Against Persons 17, Crimes Against Property 7, Crimes Against Public Order 266. Of these 290 offenses 213 were prosecuted in the District Court by our local police. This compares with 188 local prosecutions in 1961. The State Police prosecuted 77 offenses compared with 89 in 1961. 7 juvenile cases in Northampton District Court compared with 5 in 1961.

The Police Ambulance made 56 trips to hospitals in our vicinity, 5 more than in 1961. We have answered several emergency calls for the use of oxygen in local homes. All members of the Police Department have successfully completed the Red Cross First Aid Course in accordance to the new law, which qualifies them for ambulance duty.

95 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1962, which is 14 more than in 1961. There was 1 fatal accident. The department has answered 827 complaints, and has received and delivered emergency messages to persons having no telephones. We have served 110 summonses and handled 697 Motor Vehicle transfers.

40 pistol permits were issued, of this number, 32 were renewals and 8 were new permits. Each new applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. 4 dealers licenses were issued in town.

For the first time the department maintained cruiser patrol on Sunday afternoons and three nights a week all through the year. I feel that this has compensated for less crimes in our community.

Unusual events during 1962 concerning this department were the tar tank truck accident, gas tank truck crash, plane crash, and the guarding of ballot boxes.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Special Officers for their many hours of volunteer service. I am especially grateful for the daytime assistance they have given when a regular officer has not been available. My Sincere Thanks to All of Them.

My thanks also to the Regular and Auxiliary Police, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Commission, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and my department.

My Sincere Thanks to All the Townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

The fire department answered the following 72 calls during the year 1962:

- 26 Building Fires
- 38 Grass and Brush Fires
- 5 Auto and Truck Fires
- 1 Jet Plane Crash
- 2 Resuscitator Calls

The estimated damage to buildings was $7,950.00, and estimated damage to contents was $3,750.00.

Total miles traveled to and from fires	376
Total hours spent fighting fires	98
Approximate man-hours spent fighting fires	**1,960**

Several members successfully completed the refresher course in advanced first aid.

The major project of the year was the complete house-to-house survey for the purpose of gathering valuable information to enable the department to more efficiently protect life and property. Coupled with this survey, the department is offering for sale efficient and low-priced fire detector units. Proceeds from the sale of these units will be used to purchase and equip a new rescue and salvage truck to replace the present 1936 "emergency" truck. It is hoped that this truck will be placed in operation during 1963.

During the spring of 1962 an auxiliary department was organized under the leadership of Lt. William Squires, and has proved most helpful in augmenting the man-power during the grass and brush fire season.

Continued cooperation of all town departments and the special cooperation of the Belchertown State School telephone operators, help immeasurably toward the efficiency of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Tree Warden

AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent:

During the year 1962, the Tree Dept. trimmed low limbs and dead wood. It removed many dangerous and undesirable trees.

There were three storms, but they did very little damage.

We planted ten Rock Maples and ten Norway Maples at the request of citizens who asked for, and were eligible for them. To be eligible for them, one must live on streets maintained by the town of Belchertown. Anyone who would like a tree, or has any tree problems may contact me by calling Palmer, ATlas 3-5466.

The Dutch Elm Dept. removed thirty-one condemned trees. Also removed were fifteen Staghorns, (trees too dead to get a sample from to culture).

Insect Pest Control: We sprayed once with 9% D. D. T., before foilage appeared, and again with 6% D. D. T., after foilage appeared. Parts of the town had to be sprayed for Canker Worm, which was defoliating the trees.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners held a meeting after assuming office, with Elwyn Bock elected as chairman, David Hodgen as clerk, and Lincoln Cook, member.

The mowing of the cemeteries was let out by bid, and done by Dave Hodgen and Dave Dzuris.

These men have done an excellent job, as usual.

A much needed project was undertaken this year, and a new split rail fence was installed in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery and Rural Cemetery. A total of eight hundred (800) feet was used, and five hundred (500) feet more is still needed in Hillcrest Cemetery. The commissioners hope that this extra five hundred (500) feet will be replaced in the spring. We, the commissioners, feel that this is a vast improvement over the tumbled down fence that has been an eyesore for years. Future projects for new fencing will be Dwight Cemetery and Mt. Hope Cemetery, along Gould Ketchen's and the Catholic Church's property.

The new section in Mt. Hope Cemetery has had a facelifting by the terracing on the plots by Dave Hodgen. This project is to be continued in the spring.

Don Cole has been contacted and will clean out a portion of this new sections which borders the Vernon Beals property.

When this land was cleared, the large rocks were all bulldozed into a pile, and because of this, we have to remove these rocks or lose about four (4) plots. Most of these rocks will be put into a cellar hole on Mr. Beal's property, thereby saving the town a considerable amount of money.

The controversial fence for Mt. Hope Cemetery was installed in place this summer.

Loam has been taken into all cemeteries and used as needed. Re-seeding has been done as needed.

Mapping of Mt. Hope Cemetery is about half completed. We hope that this project will be completed by the summer of 1963.

Many stones were knocked down or broken during the year. These were repaired at a great expense, and town and state police were called in to investigate.

Children have been found in Mt. Hope Cemetery riding their bicycles around the stones, and in cases have hit stones. This is dangerous, as most of these stones weigh in excess of one hundred (100) lbs. or more. If this practice by the children is not curbed, the gates of Mt. Hope Cemetery will be closed and padlocked.

Please ask your children not to ride their bicycles in the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
ELWYN H. BOCK
DAVID G. HODGEN
LINCOLN A. COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

1962 marked another year of progress for the Sewer Department.

A much needed addition to the workshop was constructed with the cooperation of the Water District.

Metering devices at the meter houses, No. 1 and No. 2, underwent needed repairs and were adjusted by a representative of the Simplex Meter Company.

Many of the manholes and sewer lines were treated for the control of root growth which has presented a serious problem.

Through the cooperation of the Selectmen and the School Building Committee, a survey was completed for the possibility of a sewer line between Springfield Road and Route 202. This line would not only serve the proposed new school, but would enable houses on Springfield Road to be connected and presents the possibility of development of the area between Springfield Road and Route 202.

The number of new sewer connections during the year totaled six, making a total of 236.

Prompt service was redered to all stoppages at house service branches and main lines.

The joint meetings of the Sewer and Water Departments were held on the second Monday of each month.

The cooperation of the Selectmen, Superintendent of Streets and residents of the town has been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DONALD HAZEN, Chairman
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
HELEN L. PAPP
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on:

50 Males	$100.00
16 Spayed	36.00
5 Females	25.00
4 Kennels	40.00
Total	$201.00

I picked up 61 stray dogs and destroyed same.
Picked up 8 dogs hit by cars.
Made 12 calls to homes for investigations.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE F. CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested & Sealed January 1, 1962 - December 31, 1962

Scales 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales 100 lbs. and over	2
Scales under 100 lbs.	26
Weights	31
Vehicle Tank	1
Gasoline Pumps	14
Oil Pump	1
Grease Pumps	6
Yard Stick	1

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $41.95.

ROYAL K. GAY
Sealer of Weights & Measures

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

PARSONS FIELD

This year, as in the past, Parsons Field has been very active. The diamond used by the High School has been done over and is in very good condition now. The work has been done by Hodgen Landscaping. A new drinking fountaim had to be replaced due to vandalism. Plans are for one similar to that on the common to be installed in the spring under the supervision of Mr. Willard Young, Sr.

The committee wishes to remind all those using the field to keep from destroying or damagining any property on the field, a reminder that the field is part of the town, and all should use it as their own, and keep others from causing damage. With the help of all concerned, Parsons Field is a great help to all youngsters of the town, as a playground for social and physical activities, and also could be used by any organization in town for outdoor activities or for family get togethers.

TOWN BEACH

The Town Beach has a new committee, appointed by the Selectmen, and has had a new facelifting, due to this committee. A new parking lot has been made which will accommodate quite a number of cars. Future plans call for the area being fenced in, picnic areas being set up, better toilet facilities and bathhouse, if money can be appropriated to continue this work.

The swimming program was carried out this year by a resident of this town, Mrs. Pat Staples, who did a very nice job of the task and also donated time of her own to conduct adult classes. The dock at the beach was removed, because of danger to the children at the swimming classes. Order was kept during classes by Preston Atwood, who did a very nice job of keeping things under control.

The Recreation Committee, along with the newly formed Town Beach Committee, urges all concerned to take pride in keeping the beach and area around it clean, as barrels have been placed for refuse, and are kept empty by the highway department.

Thanks goes to all who have helped in many ways to make the summer an enjoyable one for all at the town beach. With the town growing as it is the committee feels more attention should be given by the voters of the town to appropriate more money for the improvement of the beach and area owned by the town. With a new year ahead and the cooperation of both the Summer Recreation Committee and Town Beach Committee, much improvement can be made at the beach.

To complete this report, the Summer Recreation Committee wishes to express their thanks to all for their cooperation throughout the year, and hope the next year will be another bright one for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
WILLARD YOUNG, SR.
MRS. JOHN FLAHERTY

Report of Civil Defense Director

The highlight of the year was, of course, the serious threat imposed upon our country by the Cuban situation.

During this period, Civil Defense took the wraps off of it's plans and equipment in an effort to meet any emergency that could arise.

One of the more important meetings attended was one called by Ex. Governor Volpe in Boston at that time.

The moving of Area 4 headquarters from Leeds to Belchertown will be completed before spring. This headquarters will have a full time staff and the latest in radio communications and will serve as the headquarters for the entire state if the need arises.

After serving as Civil Defense Director for close to a year, I must agree with Mr. Renouf that the town would better be served if the office of Civil Defense Director were combined with either of Police or Fire Chiefs positions for reasons outlined in Mr. Renouf's report for 1961.

Civil Defense can be likened to an accident insurance policy. It is nice to have, if the need arises, but is ignored by many until that time.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. CARR
Civil Defense Director

Report of Veterans' Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown

In the year 1962 about 75% of the budget was spent for services rendered to Veterans and their dependents. The State returns 50% of the amount spent for these services. Article 13 in the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting called for the Veterans Agent to enter in the official Town Records the names of all Veterans as inscribed on the Soldiers Monument and on the War Memorial. This was accomplished. Under services other than financial and medical, assistance was given to Veterans who had business with the Veterans Administration.

Office hours are maintained on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p. m. in the selectmens office.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. KOSIBA
Veterans Agent

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1962

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH	$197,038.46	Tailings	$11.10
TAXES:		Insurance Reserve	866.11
Levy of 1960		TRUST FUNDS:	
Personal Property	129.00	Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	900.17
Real Estate	10.75	Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund, Income	1,041.25
Levy of 1961		Calvin Bridgman H. S. Fund	4.00
Poll	34.00	War Memorial Fund	34.19
Personal Property	187.53	FEDERAL GRANTS:	
Real Estate	5,370.92	O. A. A.	4,285.25
Levy of 1962		O. A. A., Administration	372.27
Poll	36.00	Medical Assistance	2,202.58
Personal Property	342.00	Medical Assistance, Administration	68.43
Real Estate	20,789.49	A. D. C.	791.07
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE:		A. D. C., Administration	36.21
Levy of 1960	219.47	D. A.	484.45
Levy of 1961	612.34	D. A., Administration	98.29
Levy of 1962	3,980.60	Public Law 874	7,881.29
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:		Public Law 85-864 Title III	388.84
Levy of 1961	9.31	O. A. A. Recoveries	2,715.41
Levy of 1962	118.05	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	5,486.14

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
Sewer Rentals of 1960	30.00
Sewer Rentals of 1961	70.00
Sewer Rentals of 1962	220.00
Special Assessment Apportioned	33.74
Apportioned Interest	10.80
Deferred Sewer Assessment-Not Due	763.63
TAX TITLES:	867.70
TAX POSSESSIONS	495.94
DEPARTMENTAL:	
O. A. A.	153.61
A. D. C.	501.85
Highways	124.00
Public Welfare	15.00
Veterans' Services	563.95
AID TO HIGHWAYS:	
State	18,744.86
County	1,000.00
Dog Officer's Fees	223.00
	$252,696.00

OVERLAYS reserved for Abatements:	
1960	180.17
1961	1,585.24
1962	997.43
STATE:	
Smith Hughes-George Barden Fund	140.00
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
High School Athletic Fund	471.46
School Lunch	370.52
Clapp Memorial Library	2,210.33
OVERESTIMATED:	
County Tax	577.47
State Recreation Areas	191.07
APPROPRIATION BALANCES	8,407.24
Sale of Real Estate	813.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots	665.00
Road Machinery Earnings	5,862.83
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	4,812.41
Farm Animal	127.36
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	1,363.64
Special Assessments	364.54
Deferred Sewer Assessments Due 1963-1969	763.63
DEPARTMENTAL:	1,358.41
Aid to Highways	19,744.86
SURPLUS REVENUE	174,021.66
	$252,696.00

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:		Inside the Debt Limit:	
General	$104,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	$19,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit:	110.000.00	School Building Loan 1952	85,000.00
		Outside the Debt Limit:	
	$214,000.00	School Building Loan 1952	110,000.00
			$214,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Innvestment Funds		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities in custody of the Treasurer	$150,140.66	Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	604.78
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,096.53
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,234.43
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,233.59
		Calvin Bridgman H. S. Fund	6,364.01
		Whiting Street Fund	10,951.93
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,461.25
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	31,775.19
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	117.26
		Stabilization Fund	87,801.69
	$150,140.66		$150,140.66

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1962

Account	Appropriation	Additions Transfers &	tures Expendi-	Unexpended
Moderator	$25.00		13.80	11.20
Selectmen, Salaries	1,575.00		1,575.00	
Selectmen, Expense	650.00		632.82	17.18
Town Accountant, Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	325.00		254.51	70.49
Treasurer, Salary	1,900.00		1,900.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,397.00		1,397.00	
Collector, Salary	2,200.00		2,200.00	
Collector, Expense	1,431.00		1,431.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	2,850.00		2,821.91	28.09
Finance Committee	90.00		54.00	36.00
Town Clerk, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	550.00		550.00	
Law	600.00	T 145.05	745.05	
Elections & Registrations	2,500.00		2,468.23	31.77
Planning Board	1,300.00		713.11	586.89
Board of Appeals	50.00		32.22	17.78
Old Town Hall	2,000.00	R&T 330.00	2,239.21	90.79
Lawrence Memorial Hall	1,700.00		1,523.48	176.52
Town Barn	1,000.00		998.71	1.29
Police Department	8,700.00	T 250.00	8,946.90	3.10
Police Cruiser	1,500.00		1,499.00	1.00
Fire Department	3,800.00		3,799.46	.54
Insect Pest Control	700.00		698.79	1.21
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00		1,199.35	.65
Tree Warden	1,400.00		1,398.60	1.40
Forest Fires	1,000.00		996.91	3.09
Dog Officer, Expense	100.00		22.20	77.80
Clean & Repair Water Holes	300.00	C 300.00	598.45	1.55
Wire Inspector	300.00		300.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	120.00		120.00	
Civil Defense Director, Salary	600.00		450.00	150.00
Civil Defense, Expenses	800.00		78.65	721.35
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	1,500.00		1,474.53	25.47

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Town Dump	700.00	T 67.00		.42
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Sewer Maintenance	4,000.00		3,967.15	32.85
Highways—Chapter 81	35,325.00		35,321.45	3.55
Chapt. 90C	24,000.00		19,999.21	4,000.79
Chapt. 90M	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Streets	1,800.00		1,799.06	.94
Brush Cutting	2,500.00		2,498.10	1.90
Boardman St.	1,200.00		1,199.38	.62
Gold St.	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Gulf Road	1,600.00		1,599.04	.96
G. Hannum St.	1,200.00		1,199.43	.57
South St.	1,200.00		1,197.17	2.83
S. Washington St.	1,200.00		1,198.05	1.95
Railroad St.	400.00		400.00	
Highways—Warren Wright	1,200.00		1,199.36	.64
Bridges	3,900.00		3,989.84	1.16
Sidewalks	200.00		199.52	.48
Snow Removal	9,000.00	T 1,174.00	10,054.66	119.34
Road Mach. E.	4,200.00	C 2,500.00	6,605.36	94.64
Purchase of new sander	6,740.00		6,740.00	
Purchase of new plow	1,400.00		1,400.00	
Street Lighting	6,910.00		6,690.68	219.32
Board of Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	2, 460.43		2,460.43	
Public Assistance	29,500.00	R 149.60	19,969.85	9,679.75
Veterans Agent, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans Benefits	4,000.00	R 50.00	3,037.61	1,012.39
School Dept., General Cont.	14,963.00		14,962.48	.52
Instruction	206,686.00		206,676.00	10.00
Operation	29,745.00		29,739.45	5.55
Reps. & Repl.	6,498.00		6,371.81	126.19
Transportation	37,561.00		37,233.63	327.37

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Miscellaneous	1,865.00		1,773.79	91.21
Cap. Outlay	6,804.00		6,457.96	346.04
Health	5,617.00		5,581.46	35.54
H. H. Arts	7,065.00		7,064.01	.99
Library	1,442.00	R 2.25	1,238.94	205.31
Vocational Education	14,000.00		13,232.75	767.25
School Building Committee	2,000.00	C 3,000.00	593.61	4,406.39
Clapp Memorial Library	4,028.07	State 2,497.84	4,315.58	2,210.33
Parsons Field	575.00	T 39.00	510.70	103.30
Town Common	250.00		248.91	1.09
Summer Recreation	750.00		749.37	.63
Unclassified	200.00	T 75.00	236.28	38.72
Chesterfield Bicentennial	300.00		181.55	118.45
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00		975.00	25.00
Memorial Day Services	200.00		196.45	3.55
Veterans Day Services	60.00		51.00	9.00
Veterans' Graves	200.00		200.00	
Insurance	10,146.53		9,579.44	567.09
Retirement	7,305.00	T .95	7,305.95	
Town History	175.75			175.75
Town Clock	150.00		150.00	
Unpaid bills of 1961	31.87		31.87	
Reserve Fund	5,500.00		3,863.33	1,636.67
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Cemetery Expense	3,571.15	T 87.33	3,518.67	139.81
Interest	6,040.00		5,487.70	552.30
Maturing Debt	122,000.00		122.000.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,028.00		3,581.10	446.90
Group Life Insurance	838.00		802.19	35.81

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1962

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 $19,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1963 $2,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 110,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1963 $11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 85,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1963 $9,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund To:

Hampshire County Retirement System	.95
Parsons Field	39.00
Cemetery Expense	87.33
Unclassified	75.00
Old Town Hall	225.00
Town Dump	67.00

Police Department	250.00
Road Machinery Earnings	1,800.00
Snow Removal	1,174.00
Law	145.05
	$3,863.33

I certify that, as Town Accountant, I have examined the cash accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

January 24, 1963

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Notary Public

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1959		
Real Estate		$72.42
Levy of 1960		
Personal Property	$126.42	
Real Estate	2,590.94	$2,717.36
Levy of 1961		
Poll Tax	4.00	
Personal Property	842.74	
Real Estate	20,290.28	21,137.02
Levy of 1962		
Poll Tax	1,842.00	
Personal Property	30,590.43	
Real Estate	279,411.61	311,844.04
FROM THE STATE:		
Lieu of Taxes	1,434.25	
Loss of Taxes	4,799.59	
Income Tax	7,280.00	
Corporation (Business Franchise)	13,161.49	26,675.33

LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,460.00	
All Other	282.00	2,742.00
PERMITS:		
Marriage		80.00
FORFEITS & FINES:		
Court Fines	245.00	
Tax Fees	1,192.95	1,437.95
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
Federal Government		
O. A. A.	14,678.35	
Medical Assistance	5,497.28	
Medical Assistance, admin.	36.34	
A. D. C.	3,295.20	
A. D. C., administration	27.20	
D. A.	1,007.30	
D. A., administration	10.84	
Public Law 874	8,549.40	
Public Law 864	1,696.40	34,798.31
STATE:		
O. A. A. (Meals Tax)	1,433.42	
Vocational Education	10,085.83	
Union Superintendent	3,333.33	
Superintendent, School Committee & Sec'y	2,947.00	
School Construction	11,416.79	
School Aid, Chapt. 70	44,445.13	
Transportation	30,788.84	
Employers' Compensation	35.90	104,486.24
COUNTY:		
Dog Fund	828.07	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	838.07

COMMERCIAL REVENUE:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Rentals of 1961	150.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1962	4,550.00	
Apportioned Betterment	96.05	
Apportioned Betterment paid in full	144.90	
Certification of Release	2.00	
Miscellaneous Connections	23.50	4,966.45

PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1958	2.51	
Levy of 1959	19.24	
Levy of 1960	54.70	
Levy of 1961	10,936.10	
Levy of 1962	58,467.51	69,480.06

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1961	65.48	
Levy of 1962	616.45	681.93

DEPARTMENTAL:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Collector	793.00	
Town Clerk	918.65	1,711.65

Municipal Buildings:

Rent of Old Town Hall	170.00	
Rent of Lawrence Memorial Hall	230.00	400.00

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Permits	100.00	
Sale of Cruiser	25.00	125.00

Fire:

Fire Permits		62.00

Inspection:		
Building Permits by Selectmen	74.00	
Wire Inspector	79.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	41.95	194.95
Other Protection:		
Dog Officer		819.00
HEALTH & SANITATION:		
Licenses & Permits		108.00
HIGHWAYS:		
From the State	45,193.50	
From the County	1,999.55	
Rent of Town Machinery	15.00	
Snow Removal on Route 21	432.00	
Damage to Town Property	335.25	
Road Machinery Earnings	7,711.75	55,687.05
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
From Cities & Towns	151.64	
From State, Temporary Aid	95.00	246.46
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance:		
MDC	216.14	
Cities & Towns	345.47	
State	4,998.18	
State Administration	69.06	
Temporary Aid	95.00	5,723.85
Medical Assistance:		
State	4,339.83	
State Administration	18.17	4,358.00
Aid to Dependent Children:		
State	1,293.88	
State Administration	13.60	1,307.48
Disability Assistance		
State	175.83	
State Administration	5.42	181.25

VETERANS' SERVICES:		
From State		721.57
SCHOOLS:		
Tuition & Transportation	9,685.32	
High School Athletic Fund	858.68	
School Lunch from State	11,818.29	
School Lunch, Income	36,113.21	
Smith Huges - George Barden Fund	200.00	58,675.50
LIBRARIES:		
To Clapp Memorial Library—State		1,296.50
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS:		
TRUST FUNDS		
Whiting Street Fund	245.72	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, Income	603.75	
Nellie E. Brown Fund	30.00	
George Longley Music Fund	539.06	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	66.00	1,484.53
AGENCY:		
Dog Licenses	1,228.50	
Sporting Licenses	2,534.50	3,763.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	41,938.70	
Retirement	3,528.79	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,810.64	
State Withholding Taxes	3,383.23	
Insurance Reserve	856.18	
Group Life Insurance	831.00	54,348.54
RECREATION:		
Rent of Common		200.00
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Dept. of Agriculture	130.50	140.50

CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	175.00	
Perpetual Care	900.00	
From Perpetual Care Fund to Town Cem.	1,146.15	2,221.15
INTEREST:		
On Deposits	959.54	
On Deferred Taxes	723.02	
On Committed Apportionment	30.72	1,713.28
MUNICIPAL LOANS:		
In anticipation of Revenue		100,000.00
REFUNDS:		
School Library	2.25	
Telephone Calls	2.10	
Old Town Hall	105.00	
From Insurance Companies	880.15	
Public Assistance	149.60	
Old Age Assistance	67.34	
A. D. C.	323.78	
O. A. A. Recoveries	2,751.41	
Veterans' Services	50.00	4,331.63
		$881,778.07
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1962		179,450.37
		$1,061,228.44

EXPENDITURES

MODERATOR		$13.80
SELECTMEN:		
Salaries	$1,575.00	
Expense:		
Travel	201.12	
Clerical	215.76	

Association Dues	41.00	
Telephone	112.56	
Printing	28.64	
Postage	7.05	
Office Supplies	3.31	
Manuals	3.00	
Office Clock	12.00	
Advertising	3.38	
To the County Commissioners	5.00	2,207.82
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary	1,000.00	
Office Supplies	11.50	
Association Dues	5.00	
2,000 Vouchers	16.42	
Ledger & Classification Sheets	11.89	
New Adding Machine	209.70	1,254.51
STATE AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS		11.76
TREASURER:		
Salary	1,900.00	
Expense:		
Clerical	485.62	
Association Dues	6.00	
Office Supplies	24.04	
Surety Bond	167.60	
Assistant Treasurer's Bond	40.00	
Postage	145.20	
Printing	216.54	
Auto Hire	54.20	
Telephone	41.90	
Safety Deposit Box	4.40	
New Typewriter	211.50	3,297.00
COLLECTOR:		
Salary	2,200.00	
Expense:		
Clerical	389.68	
Association Dues	6.00	

Collector's & Deputy Collector's Bonds	305.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	592.58	
Telephone	45.90	
Register of Deeds	27.00	
Tax Taking Notices	29.90	
Travel	25.14	
Notary Fees	5.00	
Disclaimer Fee	4.80	3,631.00

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,300.00	
Expense:		
Association Dues	12.00	
New Lock	10.00	
Register of Deeds	126.60	
To Appellate Court	11.20	
Telephone	166.35	
Clerical	996.25	
Printing & Postage	249.67	
Maintaining Valuation	946.00	
Office Supplies	35.64	
New Adding Machine	201.00	
To Assessors' Meetings	6.00	
Auto Hire	61.20	4,121.91

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	900.00	
Expense:		
Clerical	212.83	
Telephone	91.80	
Office Supplies	43.67	
Printing & Stationery	109.57	
Association Dues	12.00	
Postage	69.63	
Town Clerk's Bond	10.00	
Miscellaneous	.50	1,450.00

LAW ACCOUNT		745.05

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS:

Expense:

Registrars	320.00	
Street Listing	236.25	
Clerical	169.36	
Postage	7.11	
Printing	267.74	
Posting Warrants	25.00	
Election Officers	1,218.33	
Publication of Town By-Laws as amended	49.60	
Posting Notices	2.38	
New Ballot Box	170.00	
Miscellaneous	2.46	2,468.23

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Clerical	8.00	
Attending Finance Committee Meeting	21.00	
Association Dues	25.00	54.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Theodore S. Bacon, Jr., Professional Serv.	646.61	
Office Supplies	1.08	
Clerical	29.42	
Revising Zoning Maps	26.00	
Law	10.00	713.11

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerical	12.98	
Postage	4.04	
Printing	15.20	32.22

OLD TOWN HALL:

Janitor's Salary	307.20	
Fuel	293.42	
Lights and Bulbs	77.67	
Clean and Repair Boiler	147.30	
Refinishing Floor	140.37	
Repairs to Roof	321.45	
Painting Exterior	945.80	2,239.21

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:		
Janitor, Salary	60.00	
Lights	239.99	
Replacement Batteries	14.50	
Hardware	3.39	
Foundation Weeded and Fertilized	13.50	
Installation of new light fixtures	1,192.10	1,523.48

TOWN BARN:		
Wages	327.30	
Paint	9.75	
J. Kulig—Pickup	4.80	
Lights	31.46	
Lumber, etc., for new Door	487.31	
Telephone	47.60	
Water	6.00	
Hardware	21.01	
Installing Outside Light	63.48	998.71

POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Constables	3,708.50	
Court	530.00	
Special Officers	1,758.03	
School Traffic Officers	873.00	
Matron Services Fair Day	25.20	
Repairs to Cruiser	137.89	
Association Dues	10.00	
Telephone	193.40	
Typewriter Repairs	5.00	
Office Supplies	46.15	
Printing and Postage	45.15	
Andrew T. Sears, Mileage	40.39	
Herbert E. Squires	37.35	
Ambulance Expense	81.35	
Equipment	153.53	
Oil & Gasoline	863.68	
Badges, Orange Vests & Gloves	15.20	
Emergency Trip to Boston	4.40	
Films & Flash Bulbs	19.99	
Pistol Permits	8.00	
Auto Repairs	50.02	
Garage Rent	60.00	
Radio Service	280.67	8,946.90

POLICE CRUISER		1,499.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Fire Chief, Salary	600.00	
Association Dues	12.00	
Massachusetts Electric	109.87	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	413.45	
Radio Service	58.11	
Repairs to Trucks	271.31	
Foam Solution, Water Caps	267.20	
Oil & Gasoline	327.14	
Fuel	168.30	
Equipment	525.34	
Repairs & Replacements	117.70	
Postage	10.00	
Repairs to Alarm System	84.78	
Cleaning Boiler	13.00	
Coat Rack	80.00	
Repairs to Cabinets	79.33	
Boots, Coats & Helmets	372.58	
Auxiliary Fire Coats & Badges	21.99	
Auxiliary Fire Auto Plates	15.00	
State Inspection	8.50	
Rockwood Ed. & Foam	173.92	
Plowing Snow	48.00	
Miscellaneous	21.94	3,799.46
INSECT PEST CONTROL:		
Wages	172.80	
Hired Equipment	312.00	
Spray	213.99	698.79
DUTCH ELM:		
Wages	787.35	
Equipment	412.00	1,199.35

TREE WARDEN:		
Association Dues	7.00	
Rock Maples	116.00	
Wages	852.10	
Equipment	423.50	1,398.60
HYDRANT SERVICE		2,000.00
FOREST FIRES:		
Wages	759.45	
Permits	120.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel.	36.35	
Massachusetts Electric	23.94	
Subscription to Magazine	7.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	50.17	996.91
WILD CAT BOUNTIES		10.00
DOG OFFICER		956.00
DOG OFFICER'S EXPENSE		22.20
CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S SALARY		450.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Change to new Frequency	51.65	
Travel by Director to Boston	12.00	
Other Travel	15.00	78.65
CLEANING & REPAIRING WATER HOLES:		
Wages	501.05	
Hired Equipment	97.40	598.45
WIRE INSPECTOR		300.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
Printing	38.85	
R. K. Gay	81.15	120.00
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	

Agent's Salary	375.00	
Agent's Travel	180.00	
Agent to Special Meeting	38.00	
Animal Inspector	300.00	
Meat Inspector	6.50	
Professional Services	20.00	
Office Supplies	1.50	
Polio Clinic	270.44	
Flu Vaccine	40.00	
Sanitizing facilities of Beach	111.59	
Dog Officer	10.00	
Postage	34.22	
Clerical	25.48	
Car Hire	55.80	1,474.53
TOWN DUMP:		
Caretaker's Wages	520.00	
All other Wages	39.00	
Bulldozing & Equipment	191.70	
Wire Fence	15.88	766.58
SEWER COMMISSIONERS, SALARIES		350.00
SEWER MAINTENANCE:		
Wages	439.89	
Trucks & Equipment	118.90	
Pipe & Fittings	240.32	
Repairs to Tool Shed	110.26	
Sewer Aid (Chemical)	90.00	
Repairs to Meters & Clock	22.50	
Services of Simplex Equip. Engineer	99.55	
Mowing	11.00	
Charts	20.67	
Gasoline	3.00	
Filter Bed Charges	2,811.06	3,967.15
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81		
Wages	13,211.15	
Insurance	783.69	
Town Equipment	5,453.05	

Hired Equipment	3,935.60	
Material	6,066.81	
Painting Road Lines	628.78	
SNOW		
Wages	2,006.60	
Insurance	82.49	
Sand & Gravel	760.38	
Town Equipment	1,159.00	
Hired Equipment	1,233.90	35,321.45

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C

Wages	1,892.40	
Hired Equipment	5,121.61	
Town Equipment	21.00	
Material	12,964.20	19,999.21

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M

Wages	2,489.10	
Town Equipment	1,055.50	
Hired Equipment	439.40	
Material	1,643.02	
Lines on Routes 9 & 181	216.98	
Rent of Catch Basin Machine	156.00	6,000.00

HIGHWAYS, STREETS

Wages	628.90	
Express Charges	7.05	
Hired Equipment	166.00	
Removing Stumps	40.00	
Diesel	16.50	
Signs	264.92	
Sweeping Streets	479.00	
Material	196.69	1,799.06

HIGHWAYS, BRUSH CUTTING

Wages	1,580.10	
Equipment	918.00	2,498.10

HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN STREET

Wages	421.50	
Hired Equipment	240.55	
Material	537.33	1,199.38

HIGHWAYS, GOLD STREET

Wages	267.40	
Hired Equipment	558.00	
Material	374.80	1,200.00

HIGHWAYS, GULF ROAD

Wages	239.60	
Hired Equipment	556.31	
Removing Stumps	80.00	
Material	723.13	1,599.04

HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM STREET

Wages	179.60	
Hired Equipment	408.95	
Material	610.88	1,199.43

HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD STREET

Wages	29.20	
Hired Equipment	144.60	
Material	226.20	400.00

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH STREET

Wages	165.20	
Hired Equipment	574.80	
Material	457.17	1,197.17

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

Wages	212.00	
Hired Equipment	672.00	
Material	314.05	1,198.05

HIGHWAYS, WARREN WRIGHT STREET

Wages	310.40	
Hired Equipment	350.00	
Material	538.96	1,199.36

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES

Wages	754.80	
Lumber	323.19	
N. E. Culvert Co.	2,814.25	
Hired Equipment	6.60	3,898.84

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS

Wages	183.20	
Hired Equipment	4.80	
Cement	11.52	199.52

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL

Wages	1,567.45	
Hired Equipment	1,740.60	
Plowing Parking Lot	37.50	
Plowing Sidewalks	176.00	
Cutting edges & blades	368.84	
Salt & Sand	6,164.27	10,054.66

HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINE EXPENSE

Wages	34.80
Registering Vehicles	36.00
Oil & Gasoline	734.18
Repairs to Brockway	1,332.63
Repairs to Sander # 1	374.63
Repairs to Sander # 2	71.78
Repairs to Grader	177.13
All other repairs	731.70
Hardware	170.95
Wiping Waste	15.00
Tires	200.27
Telephone	72.24
Flashers for new Truck	90.00
Saws sharpened	2.75
Licenses—Special fuel & fuel storage	1.50
Street Lumber Co.	18.90
Water District	12.00
Cartage	6.03
Association Dues	2.00
Diesel Oil	205.50

Tax on Diesel Oil	66.00	
Mobil Oil Co.	1,964.10	
Equipment	68.94	
Hand Tools	28.24	
Lights	30.45	
Blades	37.75	
Fuel	24.95	
Tire Chains & Crossbars	94.94	6,605.36
HIGHWAYS, NEW SANDER		6,740.00
HIGHWAYS, SNOW PLOW		1,400.00
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		6,690.68
PUBLIC WELFARE, SALARIES		425.00
WELFARE:		
Belchertown - Granby Welfare District		2,460.43
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		19,969.85
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
Agent's Salary	300.00	
Expense:		
Office Supplies	9.00	
Ordinary Benefits	2,149.74	
Fuel	151.00	
Hospital	300.37	
Doctor	95.00	
Medication	239.50	
Dentist	50.00	
Glasses	43.00	3,337.61
STATE RECREATION AREAS		1,981.23
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee Expense	120.10	
Superintendent's Salary	8,749.99	
Secretary's Salary	3,753.86	
All other Salaries	1,048.74	
Superintendent's Travel	500.00	
Superintendent's Expense	766.87	
Law Enforcement	22.92	14,962.48

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries	189,354.37	
Substitutes' Salaries	1,889.00	
Teachers' Expense	5,612.11	
Classroom Expense	5,268.98	
Text Books	4,551.54	206,676.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION

Janitors' Salaries	16,128.99	
Janitors' Supplies	7,366.06	
Fuel	6,244.40	29,739.45

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS	6,371.81
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION	37,233.63
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MISCELLANEOUS	1,865.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,457.96

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH

Salaries, Nurse, Physician & Substitutes	4,991.93	
Travel, Nurse & Substitutes	402.00	
Medical Supplies	110.56	
All Other Supplies	58.37	
Postage	8.00	
Health Magazine	6.00	
To Health Conference	4.60	5,581.46

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Instructors & Subs. Salaries	5,665.70	
Janitor's Salary	574.74	
Lights	87.23	
Fuel	354.93	
Repairs	54.48	
Food Supplies	191.96	
Supplies & Equipment	87.35	
To Conference	10.20	
Transportation—Evening Inst.	34.00	
Miscellaneous	3.42	7,064.01

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		1,238.94
PUBLIC LAW # 874		9,648.50
PUBLIC LAW # 85-864 TITLE III		987.98
PUBLIC LAW # 85-864 TITLE V		3,392.80
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	9,629.39	
Transportation	3,603.36	13,232.75
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		493.59
SMITH HUGHES-GEORGE BARDEN FUND		300.00
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE		
Visiting Jr. & Sr. High Schools	135.20	
Tighe & Bond	395.63	
Attending Conference in Boston	62.78	593.61
SCHOOL LUNCH		
Salaries & Wages	16,101.84	
Transporting Lunches	237.00	
Food Bills	28,199.86	
All Other Bills	3,555.39	
Repairs	37.50	48,131.59
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
To the Trustees (Dog Fund)	828.07	
Books & Periodicals	1,430.36	
Cleaning Library	102.00	
Supplies	15.40	
Printing & Binding	52.10	
Lights	152.22	
Fuel	598.93	
Waterproof Wax	26.75	
Insurance	206.88	
Painting Exterior & Repair Roof	710.24	
Paint & Repair Windows & Partitions	126.13	
Mowing & Rolling Lawn	66.50	4,315.58

PARSONS FIELD		
Lights	10.00	
Work on Baseball Diamond	326.50	
Mowing	160.00	
Wages & Hired Equipment	14.20	510.70
TOWN COMMON		
Lights	23.36	
Mowing	68.00	
Use of Tractor & Mulching	20.00	
Wages	127.60	
Hired Equipment (pickup)	4.20	
Bitum, Concrete	5.75	248.91
SUMMER RECREATION		
Instructors, Salary	150.00	
Wages	53.10	
Hired Equipment (pickup)	1.20	
Baseballs, Bats & Leg Guards	45.00	
Making Parking Area	200.00	
Sand	39.00	
New Fountain	22.65	
Policing Beach	68.42	
Gate & Posts	170.00	749.37
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT		236.28
CHESTERFIELD BICENTENNIAL		
Car Rental	10.00	
Lunches & Refreshments	24.55	
Float	125.00	
Signs	22.00	181.55
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		975.00
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES		196.45
VETERANS' DAY SERVICES		51.00
VETERANS' GRAVES		200.00
INSURANCE		9,579.44

APPROPRIATION FOR RETIREMENT FUND		7,305.95
TOWN CLOCK		150.00
UNPAID BILLS OF 1961		31.87
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS SALARIES		350.00
CEMETERY EXPENSE:		
Fence	264.64	
Wages	1,360.38	
Plowing	35.00	
Oil & Gas	1.40	
Removing Trees	31.00	
Mowing	1,620.00	
Hardware & Grass Seed	57.83	
Fertilizer & Loam	83.95	
Paint & Brushes	14.57	
Filing Cabinet	50.00	3,518.77
INTEREST		5,487.70
MATURING DEBT		122,000.00
REFUNDS:		
Current Year Taxes	371.82	
Previous Years Taxes	48.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,982.05	
Sewers	7.50	
Interest & Fees	2.40	4,412.05
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY DEFICIT		3,048.91
COUNTY TAX		13,617.42
STABILIZATION FUND		10,000.00
DOG LICENSES		1,241.50
SPORTING LICENSES		2,534.50
GEORGE D. LONGLEY		539.06
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		900.00
WHITING STREET FUND		245.72
SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN POOR FUND		142.00
NELLIE E. BROWN CEMETERY FUND		30.00
WAR MEMORIAL FUND		80.00

WALTER PRATT PRIVATE TRUST FUND	72.00
FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES	41,938.70
RETIREMENT	3,528.42
STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	3,383.23
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD, EMPLOYEES	3,649.80
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD, TOWN APPROPRIATION	3,581.10
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD, PENSIONERS	154.58
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, EMPLOYEES	829.79
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, TOWN APPROP.	802.19
TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE	126.09
FEDERAL GRANTS	
O. A. A.	15,103.47
Medical Assistance	5,909.70
A. D. C.	3,858.91
D. A.	1,082.70
	$864,189.98
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1962	197,038.46
	$1,061,228.44

Minutes of Town Meetings

Action taken at the annual town meeting of Belchertown (Appropriations) held March 12, 1962.

Article 1—Elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds; Mr. Lewis H. Blackmer as a Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund. (Vote unanimous)

Article 2—Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of the town appointed committees as printed in the town report, with the exception of the report of the Finance Committee. (Vote unanimous)

Article 3—Voted to give to the Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the Dog Fund, in the amount of $828.07. (Vote unanimous)

Article 4—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $28,325.00 for Chapter 81 highways. (Vote unanimous)

Article 5—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,000.00 for Chapter 90 highway construction, program of 1962. (Vote unanimous)

Article 6—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $5000.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance. (Vote unanimous)

Article 7—Voted to authorize the Assessors, Cemetery Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors—$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners—1.50 per hour
Sewer Commissioners—1.75 per hour
Tree Warden—1.75 per hour

(Vote unanimous)

Article 8—Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1962, and to issue a note or note therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, of Chapter 44, General Laws. (Vote unanimous)

Article 9—Voted to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $846.53 to the Insurance Account. (Vote unanimous)

Article 10—Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2500.00 to the Road Machinery Account. (Vote unanimous)

Article 11—Vote to appropriate the sum of $150.00 from the War Memorial Account, to be expended under the direction of a committee appointed by the Selectmen for the reconstruction of the walk around the Soldiers' Monument on the Common, and such other improvements as they deem advisable in that general area. (Vote unanimous)

Article 12—Voted to appoint a committee consisting of the commander of the local American Legion Post, the Veterans' Agent and a third member to be appointed by the Selectmen, all for a period of three years, who shall consider and qualify any additional names that may be submitted for inclusion on the War Memorial, and further that the sum of $175.31 be appropriated from the War Memorial Account for the purchase and installation of the necessary plates. (Vote unanimous)

Article 13—Voted to instruct the Veterans' Agent to obtain from the recent War Memorial Committee, a list of veterans whose names are included on the new war memorial. Further, that the Veterans' Agent file said list or a copy of the same with the town clerk for safe keeping with the town records. (Vote unanimous)

Article 14—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for participation in the town of Chesterfield bicentennial celebration. (Vote unanimous)

Article 15—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $440.00 to install proper and adequate lighting on South Liberty Street from the Palmer town line to the intersection of South and South Liberty Streets. (Vote unanimous)

Article 16—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $165.00 for the installation of three (3) street lights on Daniel Shays highway, beginning at the intersection of Routes 202 and 9, and proceeding northeasterly.

Article 17—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Railroad Street	$400.00
G. Hannum Street	1200.00
Boardman Road	1200.00
So. Washington Street	1200.00
South Street	1200.00
Gold Street	1200.00
W. Wright Street	1200.00
Gulf Road	1600.00

(Vote unanimous)

Article 18—Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to create a special unpaid committee to be known as the town beach committee, to consist of not more than seven (7) members, for the purpose of drawing up regulations, and to make any necessary recommendations pertaining to town beach activities. (Vote unanimous)

Article 19—Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $1400.00 to be expended for the purchase of a snow plow. (Vote unanimous)

Article 20—Voted to appropriate from available Funds the sum of two thousand ($2000) dollars for the work of the School Building Committee. (Vote unanimous)

Article 21—Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $10,000.00, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote unanimous)

Article 22—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1961:

Town of Easthampton, Welfare Dept.	$4.00
Royal McBee Corporation—Bicentennial Committee	12.00
Massachusetts Electric Company	15.87

(Vote unanimous)

Article 23—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1500.0 for the purchase of a cruiser, to be used by the Police Department. (Vote unanimous)

Article 24—Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, by general classification, as recommended in the Finance Committees report and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for these purposes, as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer, boards and committees of the town and further that the sum of $5500.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $5500.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus Fund. (Vote unanimous)

Article 25—Voted to extend Turkey Hill Road from its present junction with Rockrimmon Road 1200 feet to a point opposite the Henry Baggs home, and further to extend Chauncy Walker Street from the property of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isaac to the easterly end of the taking from Mr. Edwin Shumway, a distance of 0.73 miles. (Vote unanimous)

Article 26—Voted to extend Warren Wright Road northerly 1830 feet to its junction with Route 9, and further, to rename that portion of road that runs southerly from Warren Wright Road 1750 feet to the relocated Route 9, Old Amherst Road. (Vote unanimous)

Article 27—Voted to approve and adopt the following changes in the Zoning By-Laws: Section 1B-B, 2: Add a new paragraph "h": "h". Recreational area of 50 acres or more, under single ownership for camping, tenting, cabins or cottages, for seasonal or part time occupancy only. Under the provisions of this section such sites, facilities or buildings as are used or occupied for limited periods for recreational purposes shall not be subject to the lot area and yard requirements which pertain to Agricultural Districts. Except for supervisory or maintenance personnel, no recreational unit, building or site shall be occupied on a permanent basis. Any commercial use of land or buildings for recreational purposes shall be subject to the granting of an appropriate license by the Board of Health under the provisions of Section 32A to 32D of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. Before the issuance of a permit by the Board of Appeals, a site plan showing all the camping or tenting areas, buildings, water supply and sanitary facilities must be presented.
(Vote YES 52—NO 9)

Article 28—Voted to enlarge the membership of the School Committee from three (3) to five (5) members and the members thereof shall be elected as follows: 2 members for 3 years and 1 member for 1 year at the annual election in 1963. 2 members for 3 years at the annual town election for 1964 and 1 member for 3 years at the annual town election for 1965, and thereafter each class shall be elected for a term of 3 years.
(Vote unanimous)

Article 29—Voted to adjourn at 9:29 P.M.

A true copy of the action taken,
ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED BY TOWN MEETING

HELD MARCH 12, 1962

Article Number	Raised and Approp.	Approp. from Available Funds
1.—No appropriation		
2.—No appropriation		
3.—Clapp Memorial Library		$828.07
4.—Highways, Chapter 81	$7,000.00	28,325.00
5.—Highways, Chapter Constrution	6,000.00	18,000.00
6.—Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	5,000.00
7.—No appropriation		
8.—No appropriation		
9.—Insurance Reserve to Insurance Account		846.53
10.—Road Mach. Earnings to Road Mach. Expense		2,500.00
11.—War Memorial, sidewalk		150.00
12.—War Memorial, additional names		175.31
13.—No appropriation		
14.—Chesterfield Bicentennial	300.00	
15.—Street lights, So. Liberty St.	440.00	
16.—Street lights, D. Shays Highway	165.00	
17.—Streets as follows:		
Railroad Street	400.00	
George Hannum Street	1,200.00	
Boardman Street	1,200.00	
So. Washington Street	1,200.00	
South Street	1,200.00	
Gold Street	1,200.00	
Warren Wright Street	1,200.00	
Gulf Road	1,600.00	
18.—No appropriation		
19.—Snow plow		1,400.00
20.—School building committee		2,000.00
21.—Stabilization fund, added		10,000.00
22.—Bills of 1961	31.87	
23.—Police cruiser	1,500.00	

24.—General Budget

1.—Moderator expense		25.00
2.—Finance Committee expense		90.00
3.—Selectmen:		
Salaries—Chairman	575.00	
2 Others @ 500.00		1,575.00
Expenses		650.00
4.—Accountant		
Salary		1,000.00
Expenses		325.00
5.—Treasurer		
Salary		1,900.00
Expenses		1,397.00
6.—Town Clerk		
Salary		900.00
Expenses		550.00
7.—Collector		
Salary		2,200.00
Expenses		1,431.00
8.—Assessors		
Salaries—Chairman	500.00	
2 Others @ 400.00		1,300.00
Expenses & Wages		2,850.00
9.—Law expenses		600.00
10.—Elections & registrations		2,500.00
11.—Planning Board Expenses		1,300.00
12.—Municipal Buildings		
Old Town Hall		2,000.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall		1,700.00
Town Garage		1,000.00
13.—Police		8,700.00
14.—Fire		3,800.00
15.—Forest Fires		1,000.00
16.—Hydrant service		2,000.00
17.—Sealer of Weights & Measures		120.00
18.—Inspector of Wiring		300.00
19.—Civil defense		
Director salary		600.00
Expenses		800.00
20.—Water holes storage (Fire)		300.00

21.—Tree services		
Tree Warden		1,400.00
Expenses & wages		700.00
Insect pest control & Dutch elm dis.		1,200.00
22.—Board of Appeals expenses		50.00
23.—Dog Officer expenses		100.00
24.—Board of Health		
Salaries—Chairman	150.00	
2 Others @	100.00	350.00
Expenses		1,500.00
25.—Sewers		
Salaries—Chairman	150.00	
2 Others @	100.00	350.00
Expenses		4,000.00
26.—Town Dump		700.00
27.—Highways, general		4,300.00
28.—Bridges		3,900.00
29.—Snow removal		9,000.00
30.—Sidewalks, maintenance		200.00
31.—Street lights		6,305.00
32.—Board of Welfare		
Salaries—Chairman	175.00	
2 Others @	125.00	425.00
Welfare District		2,460.43
Public Assistance		29,500.00
33.—Veterans' Agent		
Salary		300.00
Benefits & expenses		4,000.00
34.—Schools		
General control		14,963.00
Instruction		206,686.00
Operation		29,745.00
Maintenance		6,498.00
Transportation		37,561.00
Health		5,617.00
Miscellaneous		1,865.00
Household Arts		7,065.00
Capital Outlay		6,804.00
Library		1,442.00
Vocational Education		14,000.00

35.—Clapp Memorial Library		3,200.00	
36.—Parsons Memorial Field		300.00	
37.—Town Common		250.00	
38.—Summer Recreation		750.00	
39.—Cemeteries			
Salaries—Chairman	150.00		
2 Others @	100.00	350.00	
Expenses		2,425.00	
Soldiers graves		200.00	
40.—Retirement		7,305.00	
41.—Insurance			
General		9,300.00	
Health		4,028.00	
Life		838.00	
42.—Memorial Day		200.00	
Veterans' Day		60.00	
Town Clock		150.00	
Town Report		1,000.00	
Unclassified		200.00	
Reserve Fund	(From Overlay Reserve)		5,500.00
43.—Maturing Debt		22,000.00	
44.—Interest, Debt		5,040.00	
Temporary notes		1,000.00	

25.—No appropriation
26.—No appropriation
27.—No appropriation
28.—No appropriation
29.—Voted to adjourn at 9:29 P. M.

Totals $530,132.30 $74,724.91
GRAND TOTAL $604,857.21

A true copy attest: ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 1962

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sums of money which have been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1961, the sum of $1089.06, and for the year 1962, the sum of $1296.50, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of a new ballot box for Precinct A; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from Agricultural to Business a portion of the properties owned by David H. and Monica S. White and Harry B. and Agnes I. White, these properties located on the southerly side of State Street, easterly of Dressel Avenue, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from Agricultural to Industrial a portion of the property owned by Francis P. and Emma D. Loftus, located on the southerly side of Old Springfield Road, or take any action relative thereto.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON

TRUE ATTEST COPY
Ernest M. Gay, Constable

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 1962

Meeting opened at 7:30 P. M.

Present 36

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sums of money which have been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1961, the sum of $1,089.06; and for the year 1962 the sum of $1,296.50.

Vote—Unanimous Yes.

Art. 2. Voted to table. Vote—Unamimous.

Art. 3. Voted to re-zone from Agricultural to Business the property owned by David H. and Monica S. White, and a portion of the property owned by Harry B. and Agnes I. White; these properties located on the southerly side of State Street in the first instance, and easterly of Dressel Avenue in the second. The property of Harry B. and Agnes I. White has a frontage of 115 feet, beginning at Dressel Avenue running easterly on State Street, thence southerly along the property of David H. and Monica S. White, a distance of 100 feet, thence easterly 95 feet abutting the property of David H. and Monica S. White, thence southeasterly a distance of 76 feet along the property of Francis C. and Madeline T. Case, thence westerly 166 feet to Dressel Avenue, thence northerly 180 feet along Dressel Avenue to State Street. The property of David H. and Monica S. White has a frontage on State Street commencing at the easterly boundary of land owned by Harry B. and Agnes I. White and runining easterly for 318.21 feet, thence southerly for a distance of 200 feet bordering the property of Fred P. Karl, thence northeasterly for a distance of 293.96 feet bordering land awned by Francis C. and Madeline T. Case, thence westerly a distance of 95 feet bordering land owned by Harry B. and Agnes I. White, thence northerly a distance of 100 feet to State Street.

Vote—unanimous Yes.

Art. 4 Voted to re-zone from agricultural to industrial that portion of the below described parcel or parcels of land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus, now zoned agricultural, located approximately two (2) miles southwest of the center of the Town of Belchertown, described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the intersection of Springfield Rd. and the right-of-way of the New London Branch of the Central Vermont Railroad, thence southerly and easterly along said right-of-way one thousand six hundred and fourteen (1,614) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Rachel Baker, thence southerly two hundred and thirty (230) feet more or less, to a point, thence easterly along land of said Baker sixty (60) feet more or less to the aforementioned railroad right-of-way, thence along said railroad right-of-way two thousand two hundred and twenty-six (2,226) feet more or less, to a point; thence southerly three hundred and thirty (330) feet more or less along land of Frederick Fitzgerald to a point, thence northeasterly one hundred sixty-five (165) feet more or less along land of said Fitzgerald to a point, thence southerly four hundred and five (405) feet more or less along land of Michael S. Mathras and Rudolph Smola to a point, thence northeasterly two hundred and fifty (250) feet more or less along land of said Mathras and Smola to a point, thence southerly six hundred and sixty (660) feet more or less along land of James E. Isaac to a point thence southwesterly two thousand one-hundred and sixty (2,160) feet more or less along land of said James Isaac to a point, thence northerly and westerly one thousand three hundred and thirty (1,330) feet more or less along land of Luigi Siano to a point, said point being at the junction of the easterly property line of the home farm site of Francis P. and Emma Loftus, thence northerly three hundred (300) feet more or less along land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus to a point, thence westerly four hundred (400) feet more or less along land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus to a point, said point being located in the easterly side line of Springfield Road, thence northerly along the easterly side line of Springfield Road three thousand six hundred and forty-two (3,642) feet more or less to a point said point being the beginning of the above described parcel. The parcel contains approximately one hundred and ninety-four (194) acres, more or less.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P. M.

Vote—Unanimous Yes.

ATTEST:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Office of Town Clerk
December 5, 1962

Department of the Attorney General
State House
Boston 33, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following Zoning By-Laws were adopted at a special meeting of the Town of Belchertown, held November 13, 1962 and is submitted herewith for your approval.

The said town meeting was legally and properly called by a warrant of the Board of Selectmen of Belchertown, dated Oct. 29, 1962, a copy of which is submitted. The warrant was posted in the several places, as directed, on Nov. 5, 1962, evidenced by the return of the Constable on an original warrant, in full compliance with the town By-Laws.

At the time of the consideration of the adoption and at the time of the vote for the adoption of said By-Laws, a quorum was present.

Public hearings were held prior to the posting of the warrant and the vote of the town meeting in both instances. Namely: Article 3 and Article 4. Enclosed are notice of hearings each for three (3) successive weeks, as related to the respective By-Laws.

The Planning Board did not submit a report either at the meeting or to the Town Clerk.

Vote of the Town Meeting

Article 3—Voted to re-zone from agricultural to business the property owned by David H. & Monica S. White and a portion of the property owned by Harry B & Agnes I. White; these properties located on the southerly side of State Street in the first instance and easterly of Dressel Avenue in the second. The property of Harry B. & Agnes I. White has a frontage of 115 feet beginning at Dressell Avenue and running easterly on State Street, thence southerly along the property of David H. & Monica S. White, a distance of 100 feet, thence easterly 95 feet abutting the property of David H. & Monica S. White, thence southwesterly a distance of 76 feet along the property of Francis C. and Madeline T. Case, thence westerly 166 ft. to Dressell Avenue, thence northerly 180 feet along Dressell Avenue to State Street. The property of David H. & Monica S. White has a frontage on State Street commencing at the easterly boundary of land owned by Harry B. and Agnes I. White and running easterly for 318.21 feet, thence southerly for a distance of 200 ft. bordering property of Fred P. Karl, thence Northeasterly for a distance of 293.96 feet bordering land owned by Francis C. & Madeline T. Case, thence westerly a distance of 95 feet bordering land owned by Harry B. & Agnes I. White, thence northerly a distance of 100 feet to State St.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 4 Voted to re-zone from agricultural to industrial that portion of the below described parcel or parcels of land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus, now zoned agricultural, located approximately two (2) miles southwest of the center of the Town of Belchertown, described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the intersection of Springfield Rd. and the right-of-way of the New London Branch of the Central Vermont Railroad, thence southerly and easterly along said right-of-way one thousand six hundred and fourteen (1,614) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Rachel Baker, thence southerly two hundred and thirty (230) feet more or less, to a point, thence easterly along land of said Baker sixty (60) feet more or less to the aforementioned railroad right-of-way, thence along said railroad right-of-way two thousand two hundred and twenty-six (2,226) feet more or less, to a point; thence southerly three hundred and thirty (330) feet more or less along land of Frederick Fitzgerald to a point, thence northeasterly one hundred sixty-five (165) feet more or less along land of said Fitzgerald to a point, thence southerly four hundred and five (405) feet more or less along land of Michael S. Mathras and Rudolph Smola to a point, thence northeasterly two hundred and fifty (250) feet more or less along land of said Mathras and Smola to a point, thence southerly six hundred and sixty (660) feet more or less along land of James E. Isaac to a point thence southwesterly two thousand one-hundred and sixty (2,160) feet more or less along land of said James Isaac to a point, thence northerly and westerly one thousand three hundred and thirty (1,330) feet more or less along land of Luigi Siano to a point, said point being at the junction of the easterly property line of the home farm site of Francis P. and Emma Loftus, thence northerly three hundred (300) feet more or less along land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus to a point, thence westerly four hundred (400) feet more or less along land of Francis P. and Emma Loftus to a point, said point being located in the easterly side line of Springfield Road, thence northerly along the easterly side line of Springfield Road three thousand six hundred and forty-two (3,642) feet more or less to a point said point being the beginning of the above described parcel. The parcel contains approximately one hundred and ninety-four (194) acres, more or less.

Vote—Unanimous Yes.

ATTEST:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Boston, Mass.
December 10, 1962

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-laws is hereby approved as to Article 3.

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-laws is hereby DISAPPROVED as to Article 4.

Edward J. McCormack, Jr.
Attorney General

Department of the Attorney General
State House, Boston 33
December 10, 1962

Mr. Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk
Belchertown, Massachusetts

I am returning herewith zoning by-law adopted by the Town of Belchertown at its Special Town Meeting held on November 13, 1962, under Article 3 of the Warrant therefor, together with zoning map, with the approval of the Attorney General noted thereon.

Article 4, which was adopted at the same meeting, is hereby returned. This by-law has been DISAPPROVED because of the failure of the town to comply with the procedural requirements of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) c. 40A s 6, regarding the submission by the Planning Board of a final report or the lapse of twenty (20) days after hearing, without submission of such report.

Very truly yours,
Richard M. Dray
Assistant Attorney General

March 22, 1962

Mr. Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk
Belchertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith Zoning By-Laws adopted by the Town of Belchertown at its Special Town Meeting held December 23, 1961, along with zoning map, with the action of the Attorney General noted thereon.

The zoning by-laws adopted under Articles 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are approved. The zoning by-law adopted under Article 2 has been disapproved because it lacked a two-thirds vote.

Very truly yours,
FRED W. FISHER,
Assistant Attorney General

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Encs.

Boston, Mass. March 22, 1962

The foregoing amendments to Zoning By-Laws adopted under Articles 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are hereby approved.

The amendment to Zoning By-Laws adopted under Article 2 is hereby disapproved.

Edward J. McCormack, Jr.

April 20, 1962

This is to certify that the foregoing amendments as approved have been published in the Belchertown Sentinel on April 6th, 13th and 20th of 1962.

Attest; Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

April 9, 1962

Mr. Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk
Belchertown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith zoning by-law adopted by the Town of Belchertown at its Annual Town Meeting held March 12, 1962 under Article 27 of the warrant therefor, with the approval of the Attorney General noted thereon.

Very truly yours,
FRED W. FISHER
Assistant Attorney General

April 10, 1962

Boston, Mass.

The foregoing amendment to Zoning By-Laws is hereby approved.

Edward J. McCormack, Jr.
Attorney General

May 4, 1962

This is to certify that the foregoing amendment as approved has been published in the Belchertown Sentinel on, April 20th, April 27th and May 4th of 1962.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 25, 1962

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,200.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement and maintenance of Parsons Field or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by creating a Business Zone area with a frontage on State Street of approximately 400 feet and a depth of approximately 200 feet, this property presently owned by Joseph Koske or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON

True Attest Copy
Ernest M. Gay, Constable
June 15, 1962

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 25, 1962

Action taken on the warrant articles of the Special Town Meeting held June 25, 1962.
Henry Renouf, Moderator

Meeting opened at 7:33 P.M.

Article 1—Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4200.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote unanimous yes)

Article 2—Voted to raise and appropriate $275.00 for the improvement and maintenance of Parsons Memorial Field.

(Vote unanimous yes)

Article 3—Voted to amend; voted to further amend.

(Vote 15 yes, 14 no)

Article rejected, two-thirds vote required.

Article 4—Voted to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

High School Building Committee.

Article 4—Voted to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

STATE BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AUDIT OF TOWN BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Dept. of Corporations & Taxation
80 Mason Street (Bureau of Accounts)
Boston 11, Massachusetts

January 30, 1963

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Michael S. Mathras, Chairman
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from April 1, 1960 to August 31, 1962, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR H. MAC KINNON
Director of Accounts

A true copy, ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

(Balance Sheet on pages preceding the School Report)

STATE ELECTION

TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1962

at 8:00 o'clock A. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the election officers for the election of candidates to the following offices:

Senator in Congress (to fill vacancy); Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Representatives in Congress; Councillor; Senator; Representative in General Court (1); District Attorney; County Commissioner; Sheriff. Also to vote yes or no on the following Questions:

Question No. 1—Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held May 13, 1959, received 143 votes in the affirmative and 118 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held March 29, 1961, received 144 votes in the affirmative, and 121 in the negative?

Question No. 2—Law Submitted upon Referendum After Passage.

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by both branches of the General Court by vote not recorded?

Question No. 3

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Question No. 4

A. Shall the pari-mutual system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

B. Shall the pari-mutual system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

C. Shall the pari-mutual system of betting on licensed horse races at county fairs be permitted in this county?

ANNUAL ELECTION BELCHERTOWN MARCH 5, 1962

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT A VOTES	PRECINCT B VOTES	BLANKS	TOTALS
Moderator	Henry Renouf	728	134	280	1,142
Town Clerk	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	841	146	155	1,142
Tax & Town Collector	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	831	140	171	1,142
Selectman	Earl F. Henrichon	379	39		
	Samuel J. Joyal	275	87		
	Theodore W. Smist	291	48	23	1,142
Assessor	Elliott S. Cordner	464	130		
	E. Clifton Witt	464	37	47	1,142
School Committee	Phyllis W. Flaherty	526	104		
	Ann A. Pelczarski	412	70	30	1,142
Cemetery Commissioner	Harvey A. Lincourt	382	110		
	David G. Hodgen	557	55	38	1,142
Sewer Commissioner	D. Donald Hazen	821	132	189	1,142
Board of Health	Donald E. Geer	662	97		
	Marguerite A. Lincourt	277	70	36	1,142
Board of Health (3 years)	Catherine L. Austin	600	92		
	James O. Joyal	344	71	35	1,142
Tree Warden	Albert W. Brown	837	144	161	1,142
Planning Board	Francis E. Goodrow	365	96		
	William H. Squires, Jr.	561	59	61	1,142
Constable	Adam L. Antonovitch	525	120		
	Ernest M. Gay	667	72		
	Frank P. Loftus	551	105		
	Andrew T. Sears	611	81		
	Herbert E. Squires	668	84		
	Alfred P. Atwood	306	40		
	Edward Czech	226	112		
	Mabel M. Depot	207	41		
	Randolph H. Brown	415	35		
	Robert G. Anderson	1			
				843	5,710

February 14, 1962

Report of total registered voters at Belchertown at the close of Registration:
February 13, 1962 at 10:00 P.M.

Registered voters

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTALS
Precinct A	748	769	1,517
Precinct B	158	144	302
Totals	906	913	1,819

Registered voters by party designation

	MEN		WOMEN		
	Prec. A.	Prec. B.	Prec. A.	Prec. B.	TOTALS
Ind.	449	101	493	91	1,134
Rep.	219	16	204	14	453
Dem.	80	41	72	39	232
Totals	748	158	769	144	1,819

ATTEST, Robert D. Camp Sr.

Town Clerk

August 17, 19 62

Report of total voters registered at Belchertown at the close of registration, August 17, 1962 at 10:00 P.M.

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	727	760	1487
Precinct B	157	143	300
	884	903	1787

Registered voters by Party Designation

	Men		Women		Totals
	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. A	Prec. B	
Rep.	215	15	202	14	446
Dem.	76	40	71	39	226
Ind.	436	102	487	90	1115
	727	157	760	143	1787

ATTEST: Robert D. Camp

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampshire ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of BELCHERTOWN

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Precinct A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall and Precinct B, at Franklin School both in Belchertown

Tuesday, the Eighteenth Day of September, 1962

at 12:00 o'clock noon M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . . For this Commonwealth
GOVERNOR . . . . " " "
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR . . . . " " "
ATTORNEY GENERAL . . . . " " "
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH . . . . " " "
TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL . . . . " " "
AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH . . . . " " "
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . . . . " 2nd Congressional District
COUNCILLOR . . . . " 8th Councillor "
SENATOR . . . . " Worcester Hampden Senatorial "
1 - REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT . . . " 4th Hampshire Representative "
DISTRICT ATTORNEY . . . . " Northwestern Districts
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (1) (Except Nantucket & Suffolk Counties) " Hampshire County
SHERIFF . . . . " Hampshire County

VACANCIES

In County of Dukes County: A Clerk of Courts . . . . " County
In Franklin County: A Clerk of Courts . . . . " County
In Middlesex County: A County Commissioner . . . . " County
In Middlesex County: A County Treasurer . . . . " County
In Suffolk County: A Clerk of Courts (Criminal) . . . . . . " County

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 7:00 O'clock P M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of ~~September~~ August, A.D. 1962.

Michael S. Mathras
Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Earl F. Henrichon

Selectmen of Belchertown

A true copy.

Attest:

Ernest M. Gay Constable

September 4, 1962.

REPUBLICAN | STATE PRIMARY | REPUBLICAN

September 18, 1962

		Prec. A.	Prec. B.	Total	
Senator in Congress					
	George C. Lodge	131	5	136	
	Laurence Curtis	94	4	98	
	Blanks	8	0	8	
					242
Governor					
	John A. Volpe	220	8	228	
	Blanks	13	1	14	
					242
Lieut. Governor					
	Francis W. Perry	220	6	226	
	Blanks	13	3	16	
					242
Attorney General					
	Edward W. Brooke	128	4	132	
	Elliot L. Richardson	95	4	99	
	Blanks	10	1	11	
					242
Secretary					
	Harris A. Reynolds	213	6	219	
	Blanks	20	3	23	
					242
Treasurer					
	Joseph B. Grossman	152	5	157	
	Francis Andrew Walsh	63	1	64	
	Blanks	18	3	21	
					242
Auditor					
	Philip M. Walsh	211	7	218	
	Blanks	22	2	24	
					242
Congressman					
	Samuel S. Rodman, Jr.	216	6	222	
	Blanks	17	3	20	
					242
Councillor					
	Edmund Burke	131	5	136	
	Bruce A. Butler	75	2	77	
	Blanks	27	2	29	
					242
Senator					
	Alvin C. Rondeau	211	8	219	
	Blanks	22	1	23	
					242
Rep. in Gen. Court					
	Robert H. Dressel	223	6	229	
	Blanks	10	3	13	
					242
District Attorney					
	Sanford Keedy	215	6	221	
	Blanks	18	3	21	
					242
County Commissioner					
	Hiram H. Brownell	162	5	167	
	William H. Chaffee	62	1	63	
	Blanks	9	3	12	
					242
Sheriff					
	Albert G. Beckmann	120	4	124	
	Felix W. Borawski	51	2	53	
	William Chmura	36	1	37	
	R. Ralph Leveille	16	1	17	
	Blanks	10	1	11	
					242

DEMOCRAT

STATE PRIMARY

DEMOCRAT

September 18, 1962

		Prec. A.	Prec. B.	Total	
Senator in Congress					
	Edward H. Kennedy	119	41	160	
	Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	49	7	56	
	Blanks	5	1	6	222
Governor					
	Endicott Peabody	128	36	164	
	Clement A. Riley	38	7	45	
	Blanks	7	6	13	222
Lieut. Governor					
	Francis X. Bellotti	88	24	112	
	Herbert L. Connolly	65	19	84	
	Blanks	20	6	26	222
Attorney General					
	James R. Lawton	46	12	58	
	Francis E. Kelly	67	23	90	
	Thomas L. McCormack	26	2	28	
	Margaret F. McGovern	12	2	14	
	Matthew L. McGrath, Jr.	9	4	13	
	Blanks	13	6	19	222
Secretary					
	Kevin H. White	142	38	180	
	Blanks	31	11	42	222
Treasurer					
	John Thomas Driscoll	86	22	108	
	John F. Kennedy	58	19	77	
	John H. Kennedy	14	3	17	
	Blanks	15	5	20	222
Auditor					
	Thomas J. Buckley	149	35	184	
	Blanks	24	14	38	222
Congressman					
	Edward P. Boland	154	38	192	
	Blanks	19	11	30	222
Councillor					
	Michael J. Favulli	56	17	73	
	Francis J. Costello	36	10	46	
	Walter F. Kelly	58	14	72	
	Blanks	23	8	31	222
Senator					
	Paul H. Benoit	126	37	163	
	Frederick W. Schlosstein, Jr.	30	6	36	
	Blanks	17	6	23	222
Rep. in Gen. Court					
	James R. Nolen	146	40	186	
	Blanks	27	9	36	222
District Attorney					
	Edwin H. Podolak	144	36	180	
	Blanks	29	13	42	222
Sheriff					
	John F. Boyle	13	9	22	
	Francis P. Loftus	145	31	176	
	Raymond L. Skowyra	9	7	16	
	Blanks	6	2	8	222

attest.

State Election held November 6, 1962

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Total
Senator in Congress			
Edward M. Kennedy	497	165	662
George C. Lodge	656	61	717
Lawrence Gilfedder	2	0	2
H. Stuart Hughes	24	1	25
Mark R. Shaw	1	0	1
Blanks	10	7	17
Total	1190	234	1424
Governor			
John A. Volpe	712	84	796
Endicott Peabody	470	145	615
Henning A. Blomen	1	0	1
Guy S. Williams	1	0	1
Blanks	6	5	11
Total	1190	234	1424
Lieut. Governor			
Francis X. Bellotti	481	151	632
Francis W. Perry	669	69	738
Thomas Maratea	11	3	14
Francis A. Votano	3	0	3
Blanks	26	11	37
Total	1190	234	1424
Attorney General			
Edward W. Brooke	704	76	780
Francis E. Kelly	462	150	612
Edgar E. Gaudet	3	1	4
Howard B. Rand	5	0	5
Blanks	16	7	23
Total	1190	234	1424
Secretary			
Kevin H. White	585	167	752
Harris A, Reynolds	560	50	610
John Erlandson	3	0	3
Julia B. Kohler	4	2	6
Blanks	38	15	53
Total	1190	234	1424
Treasurer			
John Thomas Driscoll	588	168	756
Joseph B. Grossman	556	54	610
Isaac Goddard	12	0	12
Arne A. Sortell	3	1	4
Blanks	31	11	42
Total	1190	234	1424
Auditor			
Thomas J. Buckley	614	167	781
Philip M. Walsh	544	58	602
Louise T. Metays	2	0	2
Ethelbert L. Nevens	3	0	3
Blanks	27	9	36
Total	1190	234	1424
Congressman			
Edward P. Boland	527	179	706
Samuel S, Rodman, Jr.	646	50	696
H. Stuart Hughes	1	0	1
Blanks	16	5	21
Total	1190	234	1424
Councillor			
Edmund Burke	688	73	761
Walter F. Kelly	459	146	605
Blanks	43	15	58
Total	1190	234	1424
Senator			
Paul H. Benoit	502	132	634
Alvin C. Rondeau	666	95	761
Bisbe	1		1
Blanks	21	7	28
Total	1190	234	1424
Representative in General Court			
James R. Nolen	524	190	714
Robert H. Dressell	651	40	691
Barrus	1		1
Blanks	14	4	18
Total	1190	234	1424
District Attorney			
Sanford Keedy	719	61	780
Edwin M. Podolak	444	160	604
Blanks	27	13	40
Total	1190	234	1424

County Commissioner				
	Hiram H. Brownell	960	162	1122
	Blanks	230	72	302
	Total	1190	234	1424
Sheriff				
	Albert G. Beckmann	674	63	737
	John F. Boyle	486	156	642
	Blanks	30	15	45
	Total	1190	234	1424
Question No. 1	Yes	172	36	208
	No	804	146	950
	Blanks	214	52	266
	Total	1190	234	1424
Question No. 2.				
	Yes	152	36	188
	No	846	142	988
	Blanks	192	56	248
	Total	1190	234	1424
Question No. 3	A			
A	Yes	728	164	892
	No	332	38	370
	Blanks	130	32	162
	Total	1190	234	1424
B	Yes	665	140	805
	No	316	36	352
	Blanks	209	58	267
	Total	1190	234	1424
C	Yes	703	139	842
	No	283	35	318
	Blanks	204	60	264
	Total	1190	234	1424
Question No. 4				
A	Yes	507	132	639
	No	559	67	626
	Blanks	124	35	159
	Total	1190	234	1424
B	Yes	402	105	507
	No	615	76	691
	Blanks	173	53	226
	Total	1190	234	1424
C	Yes	627	143	770
	No	448	51	499
	Blanks	115	40	155
	Total	1190	234	1424

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS NOVEMBER 6, 1962

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTALS
Precinct A	735	779	1514
Precinct B	159	147	306
	894	926	1820

REBISTERED BY PARTY DESIGNATION

	MEN		WOMEN		TOTALS
	Prec A.	Prec. B.	Prec. A	Prec. B	
Rep.	236	16	231	14	497
Dem.	127	49	119	43	338
Ind.	372	94	429	90	985
	735	159	779	147	1820

ATTEST
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

November 30, 1962

Recount of the votes cast for Governor of the Commonwealth

Original Count (Nov. 6th)				Recount (Nov. 30th)		
Precincts	A	B	Totals	A	B	Totals
Volpe	712	84	796	709	85	794
Peabody	470	145	615	473	144	617
Blomen	1	---	1	1	--	1
Williams	1	---	1	1	---	1
Blanks	6	5	11	6	5	11
	1190	234	1424	1190	234	1424

Volpe - Lost 2 votes
Peabody - Gained 2 votes
Blomen - No change
Williams - No change

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

STATE AUDIT

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Balance Sheet - August 31, 1962

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General,		$123,573.19
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1960:		
Poll,	$8.00	
Personal Property,	169.42	
Real Estate,	10.75	
		188,17
Levy of 1961:		
Poll,	$36.00	
Personal Property,	369.71	
Real Estate,	7,808.89	
		8,214.60
Levy of 1962:		
Poll,	$114.00	
Personal Property,	29,628.78	
Real Estate,	288,156.03	
		317,898.81
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1960,	$310.80	
Levy of 1961,	666.94	
Levy of 1962,	10,558.80	
		11,536.54
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1961,	$9.31	
Levy of 1962,	241.78	
		251.09

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loans:		
In anticipation of Revenue 1962,		$100,000.00
State and County Assessments 1962;		
State Recreation Areas,	$2,172.30	
State Audit,	11.76	
County Tax,	14,194.89	16,378.95
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes,	$3,038.50	
State Taxes,	467.99	
County Retirement System,	288.71	
Group Hospitalization Insurance	292.22	
Group Life Insurance,	65.92	
		4,153.34
Agency:		
State - Sporting Licenses,	$ 67.00	
County - Dog Licenses,	324.50	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund,	632.93	
Walter Pratt Private Tax Fund	3.00	
		1,027.43
Tailings,		11.10
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgeman Charity	$2,053.42	
Calvin Bridgeman High School	4.00	
		2,057.42

Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Added to taxes:		
Levy of 1962,	$129.79	
Rentals - 1960,	30.00	
Rentals - 1961,	85.00	
Rentals - 1962,	220.00	
Committed Interest		
Levy of 1962,	41.52	
		506.31
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles,	$577.37	
Tax Possessions,	495.94	
		1,073.31
Departmental:		
Highway,	$349.25	
General Relief,	166.64	
Aid to Dependent Children	90.23	
Old Age Assistance,	333.31	
Veterans' Services,	563.95	
		1,503.38
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$22,994.68	
County,	1,000.00	
		23,994.68
Estimated Receipts - To be Collected,		77,660.27
Due from County - Dog Officer,		367.00

Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	$98.29	
Assistance,	461.93	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	36.21	
Aid,	1,044.90	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	372.27	
Assistance,	3,637.72	
Medical Assistance for the Aged:		
Administration,	68.43	
Assistance,	2,748.39	
School:		
Public Law #81-874, Education,	15,077.38	
Public Law #85-864, National Defense Education,	1,517.11	
		25,062.63
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	$290.88	
School Athletics,	391.89	
		682.77
Appropriation Balances,		232,159.84
Stabilization Fund,		10,000.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund,		813.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,		560.00
Road Machinery Fund,		3,051.69
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus,		3,730.13

GENERAL ACCOUNTS (CONT.)

		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
		Levy of 1960,	$188.17	
		Levy of 1961,	1,632.24	
		Levy of 1962,	3,653.18	
				5,473.59
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer excise, Excise,	$11,536.54	
		Farm Animal Excise,	251.09	
		Special Assessment,	506.31	
		Tax Title and Possession,	1,073.31	
		Departmental,	1,503.38	
		Aid to Highway,	23,994.68	
				38,865.31
		Surplus Revenue,		122,739.47
	$566,767.35			$566,767.35

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments Not Due,	$908.52	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue: Due in 1963 to 1969, Inclusive,	$908.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:		
General,	$104,000.00	General:		
		Sewer Loan, 1949.	$19,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit:		School Building Loan		
General,	110,000.00	1952,	85,000.00	
				$104,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit:		
		General:		
		School Building Loan		
		1952,		110,000.00
	$214,000.00			$214,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Susan M. D. Bridgeman Charity Fund,	$3,500.00
Cash and Securities,	$147,275.26	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund,	10,737.19
		George D. Longley School Music Fund,	2,189.81
		Calvin Bridgeman High School Fund,	6,239.23
		Calvin Bridgeman Library Fund,	4,151.41
		Susan M. D. Bridgeman Cemetery Fund,	592.94
		Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund,	1,084.85
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund,	1,432.61
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	30,956.07
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	114.98
		Stabilization Fund	* 86,276.17
	$147,275.26		$147,275.26

* Includes $10,000.00 in General Treasury

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman	1964
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY, Mrs.	1965
ANDREW G. KETCHEN	1963

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 323-7512
Telephone Office: 323-6340

MAY ROSE DEWEY, Secretary Superintendent's Office
Telephone Residence: 323-6964

Supervising Principals

DONALD E. GEER Federal Street, Belchertown
Telephone - High School: 323-6941
Residence: 323-6266

RICHARD W. BLAZO Park Street, Belchertown
Telephone - Cold Spring: 323-7581
Residence: 323-6316

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month
In the Superintendent's Office at Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N. Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone - Cold Spring: 323-7581
Telephone Residence: 323-6370

School Physician

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Report of School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

Your School Committee held thirty-six meetings during the year. This increase of nine meetings over the average of the past few years was caused by the varied and complex problems that arose during the year. Some of these meetings were held jointly with Town Committees and other agencies. In addition individual members served as School Committee representatives on the following Committees: Summer Recreation, Old Town Hall, Regional Vocational Planning, and High School Building.

A major reorganization of the school system became effective in September. With the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Education the previous 8-4 organization was changed to 6-6. This placed the entire elementary program (grades one through six) under the leadership of a supervising principal and unified the secondary division (grades seven through twelve) into one administrative and supervisory unit. The Committee was pleased that Donald Geer was willing to assume the secondary principalship. He had previously served as a high school teacher and coach prior to successfully taking charge of the junior high school in addition to his duties as Principal of Cold Spring School. The Committee reviewed applications for the position of supervising elementary principal, and selected candidates were interviewed. Mr. Richard W. Blazo, Principal of the Sunderland Elementary School, was the unanimous choice. Mr. Blazo has a fine background of training, teaching experience, and leadership at the elementary level.

In recent years the Committee has been constantly concerned with the overcrowded elementary classrooms. Without resorting to double sessions it was impossible to do much about this situation until September when the Methodist Church completed their educational building and were willing to lease four classrooms to the Town for school purposes. The rooms were equipped by the Committee with furnishings that can ultimately be used when the present junior and senior high school buildings are converted for elementary use. The Committee is most appreciative of the cooperation the Trustees of the Methodist Church have given in the completion of all necessary arrangements.

Every year the cost of Education increases. These increases mean higher local property taxes. If more school funds are required and taxes are not increased, it means that the Town must skimp on other services. Since this problem is state-wide, it has been a matter of concern to many groups and people. There is almost unanimous agreement among all political, social, labor and business groups that State Aid to Education must be increased. However, such increased support cannot be provided without additional revenue to the Commonwealth. Disagreement over the source of such revenue has been a major obstacle. The New England School Development Council has completed and filed with the Massachusetts Educational Conference a research study which is the basis for legislation for the 1963 Session of the General Court. The reimbursement formula of this bill applied to Belchertown on the basis of school returns for 1959-1960, which was the year used in the research study, would increase aid by sixty-eight percent.

To help offset the increasing costs the Committee has used Public Law 874 money to pay for some of the school program. During the year $9,800.00 was received from the Federal Government and $9,011.55 was spent. The rental of elementary classrooms and the continuation of the high school guidance program were the two major items financed by this money.

Dr. James L. Collard, school doctor for over fifty years, died on May twenty-seventh. The Committee pays tribute to his service and devotion to duty. His concern with the children of the community was not confined to his medical duties. He was a former member and Chairman of the School Committee and a strong supporter of the Boy Scout Program. In appointing his son, Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, as his successor the Committee feels that the same dedication to the duties of the position will continue.

In June Mrs. Mildred Carter and Principal Guy Harrington retired after long and faithful associations with their respective schools.

Mrs. Carter, a graduate of Belchertown High School, followed her Normal School Training with a teaching position in Huntington and in 1943 accepted a position at Franklin School.

1943 was also the year that Principal Guy Harrington assumed the leadership of Belchertown High School. At that time there were approximately 150 students enrolled in grades 8 through 12. During the period of the critical shortage of elementary classrooms prior to the opening of Cold Spring School, the sixth and seventh grades were also included in the High School building. Mr. Harrington finally had the opportunity to utilize the entire building for High School purposes, but not until the increased enrollment made it necessary to use all available space including areas not designed for classroom use. Principal Harrington was a staunch supporter of the athletic teams and gave much encouragement to his coaches and players.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of all who have helped to make this year a significant educational milestone.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum $355,410.00 for the running of the schools during 1963, and for the Vocational Educational Education Program the amount of $19,000.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1963

General Control	$16,995.00
Instruction	237,763.00
Operation of Schools	31,905.00
Maintenance	6,000.00
Transportation	39,784.00
Health	5,870.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Household Arts	7,543.00
Capital Outlay	2,150.00
Library	2,000.00
Rental	2,400.00
	$355,410.00

Section 10 of the School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A		
1. School Aid (Chapter 70)	$48,757.00	
2. Transportation	30,789.00	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.00	
4. Vocational Household Arts	3,134.00	$86,013.00
Group B		
1. Tuition and Transportation	9,686.00	9,686.00
		$95,699.00
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$259,711.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD WILLEY, Chairman
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY
ANDREW KETCHEN

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

This is my eleventh annual report of the Belchertown Public Schools.

In my opinion the most significant thing that happened in the school system during the past year was the rental of additional classrooms for the elementary program. The educational loss to each child resulting from high pupil-teacher ratios was becoming more and more apparent by standardized test results and other measures of learning. The correction of this problem still involves remedial teaching to overcome the handicaps acquired by some children but the acquisition of more space will make this easier and in addition prevent further loss. The fact that high ratios may have existed in the past is no excuse for accepting them now. Never have the demands and challenges of education from grade one through college been greater than they are today.

The reduction in class size at Cold Spring School and the availability of three rooms each for grades five and six has made it possible to begin the development of a modified departmental program of instruction with pupils presently grouped primarily according to their reading abilites. Teachers of these grades are now concentrating in the subject matter areas where they are most interested and competent. The pupil groups are not rigidly fixed for the full schol year and at the end of each marking period the placement of each pupil is reconsidered. Eventually as the program is expanded pupils will be placed at their levels of achievement in each major subject. For example, this will enable the mathematically inclined child to excel and receive accelerated training in arithmetic yet permit him to study language arts at a typcal or average level of achievement or, if necessary, take a remedial program in some other subject. The changes at the upper elementary level will be determined also by the success of present plans to improve and strengthen the primary reading program.

The time had arrived for the reorganization of the secondary program placing grades seven and eight under the administration and supervision of the high school principal. This will be locally the best way to keep down the cost for providing the faculties and facilities required for a well balanced and educationally sound junior and senior high school program.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Exceptional children are those who deviate from the average in physical, social, or mental characteristics to such an extent that they are unable to profit from the conventional school program. Special provisions for their care, education, and development must be provided. The Massachusetts Legislature has enacted laws stating when communities must provide this education and State reimbursements help to finance the local programs. The Massachusetts Department of Education has specific regulations that must be followed in the selection and education of these children.

The acute shortage of classroom space has not made it possible to provide a class for the mentally retarded in any of the school buildings. In September, at the request of parents who had children who needed this specialized instruction, arrangements were made for sending some pupils on a tuition basis to Holyoke.

The physically handicapped child who cannot attend school must also be provided for through the services of a visiting teacher. This program was also reinstated during the late Fall when it became necessary.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Twenty-two boys were attending Trade High Schools at the close of the year. These students are being provided their education and transportation by the Town even though they must go elsewhere to receive the training they desire. The individual tuition varies with the school and goes from $450.00 to $600.00 a year.

The transportation allowance for each boy is at the rate of $1.00 per day or $180.00 per year. The average annual tuition and transportation cost is $710.00 per pupil of which the State reimburses $355.00 or fifty percent.

Two major problems in the placement of students are: The willingness of the school the boy wishes to attend to accept him in the course that he desires; and, the availability of transportation. The first is the more critical because the communities where trade schools are located are faced with increased local enrollments each year. The possible development of a regional vocational school is a matter that should be closely followed.

The good grades received by many of the boys reflects a high level of interest and effort. In spite of the problems of commuting, some have also been able to participate in the extra curricular activities of their schools.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to make special mention of the genuine interest and devotion to education shown by each member of The School Committee. The cooperation and counsel they have given me has been gratefully received and most helpful. The additional clerical service that has been provided for the office work is one tangible evidence of their concern for the administrative responsibilities.

At the Annual Town Election in 1963 The Committee membership will increase from three to five. The larger Committee is considered by national standards better practice. Various motives may have inspired and brought about the change locally. Perhaps the most significant is that more different points of view in the community may be represented. In my experience there has been a splendid spirit of fellowship on the successive Committees. This has resulted in a free flow of discussion; a mutual understanding of individual points of view; and, the formation of a policy or decision that was unanimously supported. The challenge is to the enlarged Committee to maintain this spirit as the problems that will arise in the future are considered.

I share the expressed sentiments of the School Committee in their tribute to Dr. James L. Collard and also their recognition of the services of those who retired during the year. I am most appreciative of the cooperation and efforts of all members of the school staff. Teamwork is as necessary for success in Education as in Sports. Understandably, I cannot individualize but I wish to make one exception and publicly recognize the work done by Principal Donald Geer during the Summer. Following the retirement of the High School Principal Guy Harrington in June, Mr. Geer assumed the duties of this position and in addition assisted with all phases of the work involved in getting the elementary schools staffed and organized for the Fall Term.

The reports of the Principals, School Nurse, and the financial statements prepared by Mrs. George Dewey should be studied carefully. These are more detailed records of the Belchertown Public Schools in 1962.

CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

Report of Secondary Schools Supervising Principal

The first annual report of the Principal of the secondary grades 7 - 12 is herein submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1962 was as follows:

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
Grade 7	44	29	73
Grade 8	43	41	84
Grade 9	41	34	75
Grade 10	24	29	53
Grade 11	28	28	56
Grade 12	23	23	46

There were forty-five graduates in the class of 1962 at Belchertown High School. Of these graduates twenty are furthering their education: Pamela Adams, Linda Bleau, Judith Dana, Richard Juskalian and Wilfred Lemire at the University of Massachusetts; Kathleen Austin at Our Lady of the Elms; Virginia Conkey at Holyoke Hospital; Judith Dickinson at Boston University; Francis Dudek at Vaughan Barber School; William Hackett at Rensselaer; James Handzel and Susan Skinner at Springfield College; Linda Henneman at Fitchburg State College; Robert Henrichon and Donald Sliwa at Coyne Technical School; Chester Lonczak at Stockbridge; Eugene Richards at Westfield State; and Lillian Terault at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Personnel changes during the past year included Miss Jane Wardwell who replaced Mrs. Helen Renouf, teacher of English in grade 7 at the Center School. Mrs. Renouf replaced Mr. James Harrington, teacher of English at the High School. Mrs. Barbara Kelly replaced Miss Charlotte Barry, teacher of French and English; Mr. Louis Verani replaced Mr. Stanley Czech, Business teacher, and Mr. Walter Brown replaced Mrs. Lynne Penicnak, teacher of mathematics at the High School.

The guidance program at the High School continues to be primarily one of individual counselling. This premise recognizes the individual differences of each boy and girl in the school, different academic potential, different aptitudes, different interests, etc. The implementation of such a program can be roughly divided into three phases. The distributive element aims at placing the pupil in courses and sections thereof in which he can successfully perform and which, at the same time, meet his needs with regard to his interests and aims. Adjustive counselling with the girl or boy attemps to help those who have problems adjusting to the school enviorment, and who, because of these difficulties, do not seem to be gaining the benefits of their educational experiences. Constant review of the school curriculum in order to ascertain its ability to meet the changing needs of the pupils and working towards adaptation to these new needs is the third general function of guidance.

We were again aided in the distributive phase of the guidance program by the administration of the Iowa Tests in all grades and the Otis Intelligence Tests in grades 8 and 10. To further refine our programming for 9th grade algebra, the 8th grade students were administered the California Tests of Algebraic Aptitude, which as its name implies, predicts the pupils' ability to successfully perform in algebra.

The large number of pupils who constantly avail themselves of the Guidance program is the best advertisement of the part that it plays in the everyday school program and of the pupils' acknowledgement of the role.

The music program this year included exchange concerts for the Junior and Senior High Glee Clubs with Pioneer Regional High School of Northfield, and for the Senior High with Narragansett Regional of Templeton.

Jane Peterson, Patricia Very, Marsha Henry, Susan Miner, Michael Mathras, William Krause, James Carpenter, Joseph Lemire, Donald Kempkes, and David Conkey were selected for participation in the District Chorus at Agawam.

Jane Peterson, Judith Dickinson, and William Hackett were selected to audition for the All-State Chorus at Pittsfield in April and Jane Peterson has been selected again for the coming year. In May the Glee Club auditioned at the Annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival at Athol.

The School Band conducted a public concert in the spring in addition to participating in the programs on Memorial Day, October

12th, and Veterans' Day, November 11th. It also auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival at Athol. Joanne Gould was selected to participate in the District Band at Agawam.

The audio-visual program has been expanded with the purchase of additional filmstrip material. Also, an extensive film booking program is being carried out. Through the Natonal Defense Education Act, a large amount of mathematics equipment has been purchased for use in those classes. Through this same Act an overhead projector was purchased which has had a great deal of use in the science and shorthand classes. Approval has been received for the purchase of a mobile learning laboratory which should be available for use in the French program during the current year.

The physical education program at the Center School continues on a limited basis. The lack of proper facilities and equipment curtails the activity that could be carried out in these classes. In addition to a regular schedule of basketball games at the Junior High, an intramural program was conducted after school during the month of March. A group from grade 6 was included in this program. The Senior High basketball team again participated in the Tri-State Tourney at Turners Falls.

The baseball program at both the Junior and Senior High were extremely successful. The Junior High won five of the six games it played, while the Senior High team successfully defended the Franklin League title which it has now held for the past three seasons.

Soccer continued at the Junior High on an intramural basis for the third consecutive year. It is hoped that this program can be expanded in the year ahead and that it can be carried into the Senior High as well.

The replacement of classroom materials is a continuous process. Included in the past year's program was a newer type of text known as a programmed text which was utilized in the physics program. It allows for a more individualized approach to a particular subject. Similar texts are being examined for possible use in chemistry and English.

The developmental reading program which has been conducted at the Junior High for the past two years is progressing well under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Field. Plans are being made to extend this type of reading program into grade 9 next year.

The Household Arts program under the direction of Mrs. Florence Jackson includes grades 7 - 10. The 7th grade girls learn the fundamentals of hand and machine sewing in making simple cotton garments. The 8th grade, in addition to a sewing program, learn the fundamentals in food preparation and table setting. The 10th grade class is learning tailoring with each girl making a tailored wool blazer. In October, this group was taken to Springfield Trade High School where it observed phases of that school's program.

Since September, many of the daily administrative duties at the Junior High School have been handled by Mrs. Bernadette Bowler who is serving as an assistant to the Principal in that building. I am deeply appreciative of the work which she has done to keep that school's program operating smoothly.

I also wish to express my appreciation to the entire school staff for the excellent cooperation which they have given me during these past few months.

In conclusion, I wish to comment briefly on our new high school which we shall be asked to decide upon shortly. It is my sincere hope that everyone concerned will avail himself of every opportunity to learn the facts concerning this building and that he will be present when the final vote is taken.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER
Secondary Principal

Report of Elementary Schools Supervising Principal

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I take pleasure in presenting the first annual report of the Belchertown Elementary Schools. This year, for the first time, all elementary schools in Belchertown are under one supervisor. It was felt that by the consolidation of authority the elementary schools could operate as one unit instead of three separate units and facilitate the supervision of the curriculum.

In September, the Main Street School was opened in the educational wing of the Methodist Church on Main Street. Grade three and one class of grade four were transferred from the Cold Spring School. Mrs. Emma Loftus was appointed head teacher at the school. The leasing of the four classrooms from the Methodist Church has enabled us to bring our class size down to a realistic size.

The enrollment by grade in the Belchertown Elementary Schools this year is as follows:

Grade	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*
1	46	49	95
2	59	51	110
3	57	25	82
4	45	40	85
5	46	40	86
6	42	40	82
	295	245	540

At present we have at the Franklin School one first grade, a combination second and third grade, and a combination third and fourth grade. At the Main Street School we have three third grades and one fourth grade. At the Cold Spring School we have three first grades, three second grades, one fourth grade, three fifth grades, and three sixth grades.

Personnel changes for the 1962-1963 school year were as follows: Miss Mary Ann Flaherty was appointed to the first grade vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Mary St. Germain; Mrs. Julia Corbin was appointed to the second grade vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Phyllis Klingler; Mrs. Elizabeth Fox was appointed to the third grade vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Maureen Magenis; Mr. Raymond Smith was appointed to the sixth grade vacancy created by Mr. Richard Klingler, and Mrs. Carolyn Schott was appointed to the third and fourth grade vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Mildred Carter.

Because of over-crowded condiitions in grades two, three, and five, three new positions were created in these grades. Mrs. Beatrice Alexander was appointed to grade two, Mrs. Anita Kirk was appointed to grade three, and Mrs. Juanita Foor was appointed to grade five.

Many changes in school procedure and the curriculum have been made this year. Grades five and six have been departmentalized and grouped according to reading ability. In departmentilizing these grades we felt we could achieve a higher standard of teaching excellence by having the teachers concentrate in the teaching areas in which they were the strongest. The grade subjects were broken down into learning blocks of Reading-Spelling, Social Studies-Language Arts, and Arithmetic-Science. The children were placed in class groups according to their reading ability as determined by standardized tests. This ability grouping will enable the more rapid readers to advance as much as possible and those less rapid readers will be given more individual help. Many reading materials have been purchased to enable the teachers and pupils to more easily grasp the concepts of reading. Some of the materials purchased were SRA reading kits, Reader's Digest skill builders, the Harr-Wagner remedial reading series, weekly readers, and many others.

During National Education Week the elementary schools held a parent-teacher conference program. This type of program, held in the afternoon and evening, enabled the teachers and parents to exchange information relative to their children to enable both to further the educational development of the children.

This program was very successful and many parents were pleased in having a definite appointment with the teacher. More than eighty percent of the parents who had children in the elementary schools attended this program. It is planned to make this program a biannual affair.

The annual testing program was continued this year. Metropolitan Achievement Tests were given in grades one and two and Iowa Achievement Tests were given in grades three through six. Otis Mental Ability Tests were administered in grades two and five. These tests enable us to measure the progress of the individual child in many subject areas and to evaluate the progress of classes as a whole. The mental ability tests indicate to us the degree to which we might expect a child to progress.

The maintenance program was continued this year. Included in this program were the refinishing of one hundred student desks, the painting of all classrooms of the intermediate wing, and a thorough cleaning of the Franklin and Cold Spring Schools.

In addition to the maintenance performed this summer, equipment for three additional classrooms was purchased and installed at the Main Street School. While this was being performed, one room of books and equipment had to be transferred from the Cold Spring School to the Main Street School.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to you, the School Committee, the elementary teachers, and to all others on the staff of the elementary schools for the help and cooperation in the education of the future citizens of our nation.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD W. BLAZO
Supervising Principal

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Peterson:

In presenting to you my report for 1962, allow me to quote from the publication *This Week In Public Health*: "Public health practices will always remain in a state of flux. Flexibility is essential to permit reconciliation with new knowledge and the changing demands of society." Several minor changes in policy have been adopted this year without sacrificing its quality or effectiveness. Any change in the health program is the result of careful study and consideration. After facts are gathered, a survey made, and the school physician consulted, the Board of Education makes the decisions.

Early in the year the request for a doctor's certificate for re-admission to school after an absence of five days or more was rescinded. This was contemplated a long time ago but never put into effect until it became very impracticable. The loss of Dr. James Collard left the entire burden alone upon the shoulders of Dr. Kenneth Collard; this meant that often he was not available and parents had to find other means to obtain permission. Even more serious was the practice of some parents sending their children back to school too soon in order to circumvent the need for a physician's certificate, thereby, unwittingly, subjecting them to possible relapse or only partial recovery. However, the request for a permission slip to return to school following a communicable disease remains the same.

In October numerous cases of Mumps were reported and by December 20th 53 children had contracted it. (I suspect others have since become ill and are recovering from it during this vacation period.) Because of the heavy case load, Dr. Kenneth Collard decided to be present at the Cold Spring School health room every Monday morning to check returning pupils after an illness. Students returning to school other than Monday were asked to make other arrangements to clear re-admission. At this time it was observed that too many children were returning before complete recovery, therefore Dr. Collard has made the following recommendation:

Measles	Exclude from school for 2 weeks
Chicken Pox	Exclude from school for 2 weeks
Mumps	Exclude from school for at least 1 week
German Measles	Exclude from school for 1 week
Other contagious diseases such as Impetigo, Upper Respiratory Infection, etc.	at the discretion of the doctor.

A nation's health level is best measured by its Mortality Rate. In the U. S. A. it dropped by almost one half between 1900-1960 according to the 1961 report of the Health Information Foundation. The 1960 rate was 9.4 per 1000 compared to 17.2 per 1000 in 1900. The largest gains took place in childhood. Mortality dropped 82% in infancy and 94% at ages 1-4. The explanation for this can be attributed primarily to the fact that many of the communicable diseases have been brought under control. In our school system during January of 1962 there was a very high incidence of Upper Respiratory Infection with prolonged, severe, persistent coughing. Absenteeism was high. This year, according to the Health Insurance Institute, children in the 5-14 year group will suffer an estimated 65 million acute illnesses between October and March. This increase of 12.7 percent over the same period in 1960-1961, is due to "the expected flu outbreak."

On November 5, 1962, a Flu Clinic was held at the Cold Spring School for all school personnel, Police Force, Fire Department, and other Town employees, to forestall large scale absenteeism. It is regrettable that this type of service has to be limited only to key personnel as it would be prohibitive to supply it to the entire school population.

In his address to the graduating class of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, Dr. Paul Dudley White who is an internationally distinguished authority on Cardio-vascular diseases, said "It is your duty so far as it lies in your power, to keep yourselves well, as it is the duty of us physicians to keep ourselves well—not only to increase our usefulness in degree and length of service, but to set a much needed example to the people of our commuity among whom we live. The old adage 'Physician (or nurse) heal thyself' should be replaced by that which reads—'Physician (nurse, or teacher) KEEP well'. Certainly some of our current-day ills are preventable and not due to an Act of God."

This brings me to the fact that, not all, but many of the student absenteeism is self-induced. The children should be taught very early in life the proper habits of eating and elimination, sleeping and resting, care of teeth, eyes, suitable clothing and footwear, exercise, and emotional control.

"Physical Fitness — a National Concern." Much is being done about this subject now. Surveys and tests have proved the American youth lagging behind other youths. A 15 year study showed that 58% failed the fitness test. In Connecticut studies showed more than half the children were over-weight. In the Metropolitan Boston area more than 10%, from kindergarten through High School, were overweight, not because of over-eating but because of inactivity. Similar results were shown from studies made on freshmen at Yale, West Point and other Universities and colleges. According to Bud Wilkinson the three primary reasons for this are:

1. Lack of adequate physical education programs. An estimated 70% of Public and Private U. S. A. schools has either inadequate educational program or none at all.

2. "U. S. has fallen victim to one of its finest accomplishments—its vastly superior technology". The experts point out that most children ride the bus to and from school, then watch T. V. for hours, and spend less than 1% of their time in vigorous exercise.

3. Flabbiness—due to large scale spectator sports instead of active participitation in the sports.

Personally, I have a great deal of faith in the American youth. We have the finest materials and superior know-how, which can be utilized to the utmost in a short time and bring up our youth second to none in the world. A minimum athletic program need not be complicated nor expensive—it can be centered in the classroom. The under-developed child can be found by simple, valid fitness tests which can easily be available.

Referring back to poor eating habits, I have always been concerned with the lack of attention our students pay to their diet. It is common knowledge that many come to school with only an inadequate breakfast or none at all. What happens to their body-engine without fuel? By ten o'clock or even before then, many are actually wilting. To find a remedy for such a situation may be quite complex but it can be emphasized.

Last February and March there was an upsurge of measles. On March 20, tuberculin tests were administered by Dr. Frederick Goodhue, Supt. of Hampshire County Sanitorium, to all pupils in grades one, nine, and twelve. He returned two days later to read the results. Those who were absent for the Mantoux test reading were visited by the school nurse at their homes and "read". All tests proved Negative. In April Physical examinations by Dr. Kenneth Collard were completed for grades one, four, seven, and eleven. On April 27, Pre-school Day was observed. Even though early vaccination for smallpox was urged in the Pre-school booklet, there were some reporting to school in September with "late" vaccinations. On May 9, 1962, a Polio Clinic was held and 547 children under the age of 7 years received Type I Sabin vaccine (Oral). On June 6, 1962, the second Oral vaccine, Type III, was administered to the same children. At this clinic the Salk vaccine also was dispensed to everyone requesting it. During the morning and evening clinics 1,163 were served. Later, a "mop up" clinic brought the total number of persons becoming immunized to over 1,200.

On May 28th, I attended a Seminar on Speech Therapy at the University of Massachusetts. A tour of the Center with classes in session, followed the Panel discussion by prominent persons in this field, including Mr. Philbrick, an expert with the Dept. and Dr. Inez Haggerty of the University. Surveys in four communities showed 11, 14, 15, and 18% of the pupils had speech problems—4 to 2% serious, and 10% moderate. Out of 250 communities in Massachusetts only 78 offered full time or part time service. The experts recommend Speech Improvement courses mandatory up to grades 9, and optional beyond that point. Since the Bay State Clinic in Springfield closed a year ago June, we have referred our speech problem cases to the Speech Center at the University. This is free but the family is expected to furnish transportation.

When schools opened in September, again the enrollment had increased. The new annex at the Methodist Church was rented and is known as the "Main Street School." A cot and First Aid equipment was installed there and I find myself making frequent visits as the most accident-prone group (3rd & 4th grade) are inhabiting it. The accommodations and space problems relating to first aid at the other schools except Cold Spring, are unchanged from last year, and I might add that it is becoming worse.

In October, upon your request, the Principals and nurse met with you to organize and map out the best possible method of evacuation in case of an emergency. In November I participated in a refresher course in Vision and Hearing Testing at the Public Health Building in Amherst, where new Vision Kits and Audiometers were demonstrated.

Last summer, Dr. James Collard who had served faithfully as school physician for the past 50 years, passed away, leaving an empty spot in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Dr. Kenneth L. Collard was appointed as School Physician and has been most cooperative and helpful.

Enlisting the cooperation of local organizations and other agencies in solving some of our social and economic problems (not necessarily incidental to school functions) has been very rewarding. I wish at this time, to thank all the teachers, principals, custodial personnel, secretarial group, parents, and all who have helped in any way to carry out an effective health program.

In closing, please accept my gratitude for your wise counseling and guidance and also that of the Board. May the ensuing year bring health and success to our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R. N.
School Nurse

School Financial Report

Classification of School Expenditures, 1962

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	$120.10	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	8,749.99	
Expenses - including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, office, office supplies, and telephone	6,069.47	
Law Enforcement	22.92	$14,962.48
INSTRUCTION		
Teacher Salary	191,253.37	
Teacher Expenses	5,611.51	
Instructional Supplies	9,821.12	206,686.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	16,122.91	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity, Water, and Fuel	13,610.46	29,733.37
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	6,371.81	6,371.81
TRANSPORTATION	37,239.71	37,239.71
HEALTH		
Salaries and Expenses	5,581.46	5,581.46
MISCELLANEOUS	1,865.00	1,865.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Salaries and Expenses	7,064.01	7,064.01

CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,457.96	6,457.96
LIBRARY	1,236.69	1,236.69
		$317,198.49
Expenditures, 1962 Budget		$317,198.49
Special Available Funds:		
George D. Longley Music Fund	$539.06	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	251.83	
George Barden Funds	300.00	1,090.89
Total Cost of Schools		318,289.38
Total Receipts, 1962: Appropriation	318,246.00	
Special Funds	1,090.89	319,336.89
Less: Total Cost to Schools		318,289.38
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$1,047.51
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:		
Department of Welfare		
(State Wards)	9,685.32	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	48,757.63	
Transportation	30,788.84	
Superintendent	3,333.33	
Vocational Education (Household Arts)	3,134.02	95,699.14
Used from Available Funds		1,090.89
		$96,790.03

Recapitulation

Total Cost of Schools		$318,289.38	
Offset to 1963 Taxes	$95,699.14		
From Available Funds	1,090.89	96,790.03	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1962			$221,499.35
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1961			201,825.08

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation		$14,000.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$3,323.00	
Tuition	9,909.75	13,232.75
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$767.25
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Transportation	$1,932.50	
Tuition	5,050.31	$6,982.81
Total Expenditures	$13,232.75	
Reimbursement from State	6,982.81	
Actual Cost to Town		$6,249.94

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1962

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	70	92		37	86	82							367
Main St. (Annex)			74	33									107
Franklin School	25	18	18	15									76
Center School							73	85					158
High School									79	55	56	45	235
	95	110	92	85	86	82	73	85	79	55	56	45	943

91st Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 14

1962

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Pamela Mary Adams
Kathleen Marie Austin
Frederick W. Barnes
Patricia Elizabeth Belmont
Joyce Ann Biondo
Linda Lou Bleau
Loretta Mae Bodzinski
Virginia Jane Conkey
George Frederick Cook
Ann Barbara Crisafulli
Dianne Elizabeth Cutting
Maureen Daly
Judith Ann Dana
John Osborne Davis
Judith Anne Dickinson
Francis Albert Dudek
Lenita Marie Dunbar
Robert Benton Fielder
Donna May Fleurent
Jacqueline Loret Gancarz
David Bernard Garvey
Robert Leo Giguere
Paul Hubert Greene
Donald Lionel Grise
William Shaw Hackett
James Richard Handzel
David Lee Heffernan
Linda Elaine Henneman
Robert James Henrichon
Donna Lee Hurd
Jean Ellen Hussey
Richard Paul Juskalian
Chester John Jusko
Wilfred E. Lemire, Jr.
Phyllis Patricia Ann Lequin
Chester Joseph Lonczak
Jean Lysik
Denise Marie Miron
Scott Frederick Purrington
Kenneth Gordon Reece
Cecile Dorothy Rheaume
Eugene Arthur Richards
Susan Esther Skinner
Donald Francis Sliwa
Lillian Marie Terault
Janice Theresa Weeks

PROGRAM

Processional		Darlene Willey Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Marvin R. Green
Song:	"Kyrie"	*W. J. Marsh*
Salutatory		Ann Crisafulli
Song:	"No Man Is An Island"	*John Whitney*
Valedictory		Judith Dickinson
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Dr. D. Justin McCarthy President, State College at Framingham
Solo:	"I'll Walk With God"	William Hackett
Scholarships		
P. T. A.		Mrs. Charles W. Jackson
Nurses' Association		Mrs. Louise Sujdak
Lions Club		Joseph Tolpa
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr. Memorial		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Student Council		
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
The Webber-Fiske Teacher Training		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Harold W. Willey Chairman School Committee
Songs:	"To God The Creator Of The World"	*Franz Schubert*
	"My God and I"	*J. B. Sergei*
Benediction		Rev. Paul V. Varga
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Jane Peterson

Belchertown Public School Directory

Carl J. Peterson—Superintendent of Schools
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian—School Nurse, R. N.
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dr. Kenneth Collard—School Doctor, M. D.
N. Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. May Rose Dewey—Secretary to Superintendent of Schools
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Patricia Belmont—Clerk, Superintendent's Office
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Clara Cook—Music Supervisor
Bernardston, Massachusetts
Joseph Contino—Band Director & Instrumental Instructor
50 Fairview Way, Amherst, Massachusetts
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Handwriting
Waltham, Massachusetts
Mrs. Phyllis Mullane—Cafeteria Manager
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
George M. Dewey—Head Custodian
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

HIGH SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Secondary Supervising Principal
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Edward F. Burgess—Guidance Director
114 Whitney Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruby Martin—Secretary
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Walter F. Brown—Mathematics
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Miss Barbara A. Ernest—Physical Science & Coach Girls' Softball
Birch Hill Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Miss Madeline M. Fitzgerald—Commercial Department
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Mrs. Florence N. Jackson—Household Arts
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara A. Kelley—French and English
Coache Street, Three Rivers, Massachusetts
James F. O'Leary—Social Studies and Coach Baseball, Basketball
3 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—French and Biology
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—English and Latin
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—English
Robin Farm, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Jerome P. Shea—Biology and Chemistry
88 Westfield Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Gerald G. Tremaine—Mathematics, Social Studies & Driver Ed.
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Luis R. Verani—Commercial Department, Mechancical Drawing, & Coach of Junior Varsity Basketball
41 Sumner Terrace, Springfield, Massachusetts

CENTER SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Principal
Mrs. Bernadette S. Bowler—English, Mathematics, and Assistant to Principal
Three Rivers Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara G. Field—Mathematics, Language Arts, and Social Studies
N. Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Paul E. Paschetto—Mathematics and Science
Abbey Road, Hazardville, Connecticut
Joseph E. Sheehan—Social Studies
66 Ventura Street, Springfield, Massachusetts
Miss Jane Wardwell—English
27 Spaulding Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Paul J. Whitlock—Mathematics, Science, & Coach Baseball, Basketball and Soccer
221 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Richard W. Blazo—Elementary Supervising Principal
Park Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Barbara Boucher—Secretary
Shea Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts

GRADE I

Miss Bonta L. Falk—North Main St., Belchertown, Mass.
Miss Mary Ann Flaherty—North Main St., Belchertown, Mass.
Mrs. Barbara H. Yanginski—North Silver Lane, Sunderland, Mass.

GRADE II

Mrs. Beatrice M. Alexander—Box 73, Amherst Rd., Amherst, Mass.
Mrs. Julia L. Corbin—450 Amherst Rd., South Hadley, Mass.
Miss Irene B. Orlando—South Main St., Belchertown, Mass.

GRADE III

*Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fox—Springfield Road, Palmer, Mass.
*Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams—Maple Street, Belchertown, Mass.
*Mrs. Anita B. Kirk—North Main Street, Belchertown, Mass.

GRADE IV

*Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Assistant to Elementary Supervising Principal—Old Springfield Rd., Belchertown, Mass.
(* Main Street School)
Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson—Mill Valley Rd., Belchertown, Mass.

GRADE V

Mrs. Juanita A. Foor—Sports Haven Trailer Camp, Belchertown
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Sargent Street, Belchertown, Mass.
(Mrs. Georgia Atwood)—Substitute, Springfield Rd., Belchertown
Mrs. Madeleine R. Lambert—South Main St., Belchertown, Mass.

GRADE VI

Mrs. Margaret T. Austin—Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Mass.
Mrs. Mary M. Avery—South Main Street, Belchertown, Mass.
Mr. Raymond B. Smith—121 Main St., Wilbraham, Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor M. Fitzgerald—Teaching Principal, Grade 2 and 3
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marilyn J. Hayward—Grade 1
Michael Sears Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Carolyn L. Schott—Grade 3 and 4
Gilbertville Road, Ware, Massachusetts

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

William F. Kimball, Jr.—North Main St., Belchertown, Mass.
Robert Welch—Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Walter Lebida—Part time—Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Charles H. Eskett—State Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CAFETERIA

May Rose Dewey—Bookeeper
Mrs. Rose Lemire—Worker
Mrs. Lois Lowe—Worker
Mrs. Ruth Mundell—Worker
Mrs. Jean Phaneuf—Worker
Mrs. Clara Skinner—Worker
Mrs. Patricia Staples—Worker
Mrs. Josephine Zobka—Worker
Mrs. Mable Depot—Worker
Mrs. Shirley Dzuris—Worker
Mrs. Mary Dunbar—Worker, Part time

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 5, 1962 to JUNE 21, 1963

1962

September 5— Wednesday—Schools open—beginning of school year—Regular sessions will be held this day

October 12— Friday— Schools closed—Columbus Day

October 19— Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention

November 12— Monday—Schools closed—Veterans' Day

November 21— Wednesday—Schools closed—Jr. and Sr. High, 11.30 a. m.—Elementary Schools, at 12 noon.

November 22— Thursday—Thanksgiving Vacation

November 23— Friday—Thanksgving Vacation

December 21— Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Christmas vacation begins

1963

January 2— Wednesday—Schools reopen

February 15— Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Midwinter vacation begins

February 25— Monday—Schools reopen

April 11— Thursday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Spring vacation begins

April 22— Monday—Schools reopen

May 30— Thursday—Schools closed—Memorial Day

June 21— Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Summer vacation begins for all Schools

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4 AND 11, 1963

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1963, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a School Committee Member, and a Tree Warden, each for one year; a Selectman, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner, two School Committee Members, a Board of Health Member, and a Cemetery Commissioner, each for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1963, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library account the dog license refund of 1962 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, Program of 1963, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.50 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Tree Warden	1.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1963, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the "Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund" a sum of money for the improvement and maintenance of Mt. Hope Cemetery or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to rezone from Agricultural to Industrial a portion of the property owned by Francis P. and Emma D. Loftus located along the southerly side of Old Springfield Road or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to rezone from Agricultural to Business a portion of the property owned by Joseph Koske located on the northerly side of State Street or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to establish an Advisory Committee on Home Rule for the purpose of examining state-local relations and of reporting thereon to the Selectmen from time to time, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of street lights at each of the following locations:

1. On Pole #3 - Gulf Road and Amherst Road (Route #9)
2. On Pole #19 - Corner of North St. & Warren Wright Rd.
3. On Pole #116 - Federal and Orchard Streets
4. On Pole #129 - Corner of Old Rt. 9 & Warren Wright Rd.
5. On Pole #146 - Front of Dwight Chapel, Federal Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of 1,000 Lumen Lamps on Poles numbered 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10 on Poole Road or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install proper and adequate lighting on South Liberty Street from the intersection of South and South Liberty Streets to the intersection of West and South Liberty Streets or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Shea Avenue
Railroad Street
George Hannum Street
Boardman Road
So. Washington Street
Gold Street
Warren Wright Street
Rural Road
Gulf Road
Cold Spring Street
Dressel Avenue

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see whether the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, of the General Laws, Section 8C, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint a conservation commission; and the provisions of said Chapter 40, Section 5, clauses (51) and (50), providing for the operation and maintenance of said conservation commission; and the Board of Selectmen are hereby directed, within thirty days of the acceptance of this article, by vote of the town meeting, to appoint a conservation commission composed of seven members: and the conservation commission so established is hereby authorized to expend the sum of $50.00 for the purpose of the law, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to be expended for the purchase of a ½ ton pick-up truck or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Park Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Jensen Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Fuller Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with funds provided by the town of Palmer to reconstruct the Belchertown-Bondsville bridge or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a bath house at the town beach or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, and act thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of February, A. D. 1963.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON

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Annual Reports of the

TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1963

BELCHERTOWN · MASSACHUSETTS
FOUNDED 1731 · INCORPORATED 1761
COLD SPRING

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown, formerly a plantation called Cold Spring, was incorporated in 1761. The name Belchertown came from Governor Jonathan Belcher, a colonial governor, 1730-1741, who owned land in this vicinity. The town, one of the largest in the state in area, is about 12 miles North to South and 5 miles East to West.

Several families were here as early as 1731 from Northampton, Hatfield and Hadley. By 1736 twenty families were here and in 1738 a church was built. Schools are mentioned in 1756.

Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, an early settler, was active in the French and Indian Wars and also in the Revolution when most of the male population marched to Cambridge on April 20, 1775.

A Post Office, the third in the county, was established in 1797.

The War of 1812, not being popular in New England, did not attract enlistments. Hampshire County furnished 4,500 men during the Civil War.

Many taverns and inns thrived during the first hundred years, as travel was slow over bridle paths or by ox cart, and frequent rests were necessary. The Great Road on the west side of the Common extended from Hadley to Brookfield, and stages were operated by a Mr. Clapp who owned a tavern in the center of Town.

The central part of the Common was given by Col. Elijah Dwight when he gave land for the church. Later the north and south ends were deeded in 1803.

A newspaper was printed here in 1826. In the early 1800's there was activity in manufacturing, carriages being a big business from 1837 to 1867. In 1845 articles manufactured were: iron implements, harnesses, chairs, cabinet work, bricks, boots, hats and marble monuments. Women in the homes wove palm leaf hats with material furnished by Amherst hat manufacturers. Many of the swift flowing brooks had mills along them run by early settlers.

A bank with a capital of $100,000 was established in 1825, but remained open only a few years.

Our library was given by John Francis Clapp, who was a descendant of the early stage route owner. Lawrence Memorial Hall is another gift to our Town, and at the Stone House one may see the early history of our town live again in furnished rooms and also in the Ford Annex filled with old time manufactured articles.

—Julia T. Shumway

Report of Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICERS

1963

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		3-2-64
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-2-64
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Walter Tolpa, Jr.		3-7-66
Michael S. Mathras		3-2-64
Earl F. Henrichon		3-1-65
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-2-64
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-1-65
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Harold W. Willey		3-2-64
David A. Staples		3-2-64
Phillis W. Flaherty		3-1-65
Arthur H. Brennen		3-7-66
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.		3-7-66
	PLANNING BOARD	
William E. Aldrich		3-2-64
Raymond V. Burke		3-1-65
George B. Jackson		3-7-66
William H. Squires, Jr. (Resigned effective 3-2-64)		3-6-67
David H. White (Resigned effective 3-1-64)		3-4-68
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Lincoln A. Cook		3-2-64
David G. Hodgen		3-1-65
Elwyn H. Bock		3-7-66

ASSESSORS

Arlan V. Skinner	3-2-64
Elliott S. Cordner	Deceased
Doris S. Squires (Appointed to next annual election)	3-2-64
William F. Kimball, Jr.	3-7-66

SEWER COMMISIONERS

Helen L. Papp	3-2-64
D. Donald Hazen	3-1-65
Frederick E. Lincoln	3-7-66

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	3-2-64

BOARD OF HEALTH

Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	3-2-64
Catherine L. Austin, R. N.	3-1-65
George A. Smith, Jr.	3-7-66

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	3-1-65
Ernest M. Gay	3-1-65
Francis P. Loftus	3-1-65
Andrew T. Sears	3-1-65
Herbert E. Squires	3-1-65

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	3-2-64
Sophia M. Pero	3-2-64

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

George A. Poole	3-7-66
Lewis H. Blackmer	3-1-65
D. Donald Hazen	3-2-64

APPOINTED OFFICERS

(All terms expire 3-9-64, except those indicated.)

Appointed by Town Treasuer

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Margaret S. Kirby	7-16-64

Appointed by Selectmen

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey	12-1-64

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sidney W. Wheeler	3-9-64
John A. Collis	3-9-64
Kenneth Thayer	3-1-65
William G. Whitlock	3-1-65
Frederick E. Panzer	3-12-66

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Rose A. Joyal	3-9-64
Roy G. Shaw	3-1-65
Laurina Brighenti	3-12-66

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Royal K. Gay

VETERANS' AGENT

Frank J. Kosiba

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Walter J. Henry, Jr.

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Richard Thomas

APPEALS BOARD

Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	Resigned 10-8-63
Arthur Moriarty	3-9-64
W. Ira Shattuck	3-1-65
Henry Renouf	3-1-65
Joseph Tolpa	3-1-65

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry
Merton L. Pratt

FOREMAN, CHAPT. 90 CONSTRUCTION

Donald M. Terry

FENCE VIEWER & FIELD DRIVER

Joseph E. T. Mercier
David E. Fournier

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

A. Preston Atwood

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SELECTMEN

Paul T. Ford

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

John Reed

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Joseph Tolpa
Eleanor Tolpa
Leo Small
Rudolph Smola
Robert Anderson
Thaddeus Bodzinski

POLICE OFFICERS

Ernest M. Gay
Andrew T. Sears
Adam L. Antonovitch
Frank P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Robert G. Anderson
Lester Beaudoin
Randolph Brown
Edward Czech

Merton L. Pratt
William H. Squires, Jr.
Chester F. Dzwonkowski, Sr.
A. Preston Atwood
Charles F. Howard
James Hayward — Resigned 5-9-63
Elmer M. Potter

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

(School Traffic Officers)

Earle H. Whitehouse
A. Preston Atwood
Stanley DeMoss

(Town Beach)

Stanley DeMoss

(Belchertown Fair)

Nelson Hill
W. Paige Piper
Isaac A. Hodgen
Donald M. Terry
Stanley Antonovitch

(Rte. 21 Construction)

Henry Baggs

(Limited to State School)

Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.
Francis J. Longtine
Donald B. Hayden

(Property of Swift River Sportsmans Club)

Henry L. Lloyd
Edward P. Dernoga
Warren W. Mundell

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Albert W. Brown
Henry Renouf
Royal K. Gay
Dr. Edward P. Bartlett
A. Preston Atwood
Albert Brighenti
Richard K. Cook

JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chm.
John V. Nelson, Sec'ty
Walter L. Papp
Clifford E. Holt
Andrew G. Ketchen, Sch. Comm. Mem.
Lt. Col. Benton Fielder — (Resigned 6-11-63
Carl J. Peterson, Supt. of Sch. Mem., ex officio — (Resigned)
David A. Staples

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chm.
Roy Whidden
Lewis H. Blackmer
Frederick E. Lincoln
William H. Squires, Jr.

TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Dianne Rogers
Samuel Joyal
Donald S. Cole
Doris Dickinson
Theodore Smist
Randolph Brown

ANNUAL TOWN COMMITTEES

SUMMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

Walter Tolpa, Jr., Selectman
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Sch. Comm.
Phyllis Flaherty (Resigned 8-1-63)
Williard H. Young, Sr.

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Michael S. Mathras, Selectman
Arthur H. Brennen, Sch. Comm.
Willard H. Young, Sr., Member at large

CHAIRMEN OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Harold W. Willey, Chm. School Committee
Michael S. Mathras, Chm. Board of Public Welfare
Earl F. Henrichon, Chm. Board of Selectmen
William H. Squires, Jr., Chm. Planning Board
David G. Hodgen, Chm. Cemetery Commission
William F. Kimball, Jr., Chm. Board of Assessors
D. Donald Hazen, Chm., Sewer Commission
George A. Smith, Jr., Chm., Board of Health
William G. Whitlock, Chm., Finance Committee
Roy G. Shaw, Chm., Registrars of Voters

Appointed by Board of Health

John A. Brickett—Sanitation Agent
Doris S. Squires—Report Clerk
Louis J. Austin, Animal Inspector 3-26-62
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.—Special Agent (B. S. S.)
Melvin Andrews—Inspector of Slaughtering

Appointed by Registrars of Voters

STREET LIST OFFICERS

A. Preston Atwood
Randolph H. Brown
Robert G. Anderson
Adam L. Antonovitch
Merton L. Pratt
Lester Beaudoin
Elmer M. Potter
Francis P. Loftus
Donald M. Terry
Edward Czech

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall Smith Street, Dover
Edward M. Kennedy 3 Charles River Square, Boston 14

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Edward P. Boland, District No. 2 100 Mooreland St., Springfield,4

STATE SENATOR

Paul H. Benoit Worcester-Hampden District
771 Lebanon Hill, Southbridge

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen Fourth Hampshire District
140 Church Street, Ware

COUNCILLOR, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Walter F. Kelly Seventh District
154 Lincoln Street, Worcester

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy Northwestern District

COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell Raymond A. Lyman Edwin M. Podolak

COUNTY OFFICERS

Merrill E. Torrey—Clerk of Courts
Frank E. Tuit, II—Register of Probate
Raymond A. Warner—Register of Deeds
Howard A. Banner—Treasurer
John F. Boyle—Sheriff
Hon. Harry Jakanowski—Judge of Probate

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Appointed by Fire Chief

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth B. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Louis Fuller
Deputy Chief Carl Peterson
Captain Kenneth Bristol
Lieutenant Donald Bock
Lieutenant Isaac Hodgen
Lieutenant Sherman Gould
Lieutenant William Squires

Milton Baggs, Honorary Member
Elwyn Bock
Lawrence Bowser
Harry Brougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Albert Dewhurst
Edward Gates
Ernest Gay
Royal Gay
Hubert Greene
Nelson Hill
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen
John Hubbard
Samuel Joyal
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Raymond Menard
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Roy G. Shaw, Hon. mem.
Louis Shumway
Robert Smith
David Staples
Herbert Wood

B. S. S. OPERATORS

Hazel Charles
Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Jean Garron
Jeanne Dubois

1963 JURY SERVICE LIST

Name	Date Drawn	Service
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	1-7-63	Grand
Walter Wadsworth	1-7-63	Traverse
Edward Bukowski	1-7-63	Traverse
Frank J. Kosiba	1-7-63	Traverse
Fred Goodrich	2-10-63	Traverse
Edward Samson	2-20-63	Traverse
Peter Demetropoulos	4-10-63	Traverse
Joseph Tolpa	4-10-63	Traverse
Catherine S. Chadbourne	5-2-63	Traverse
Raymond G. Dana	5-2-63	Traverse
Marion Anderson	6-7-63	Traverse
Harvey Dickinson	6-7-63	Traverse
Robert W. Sutcliffe	9-5-63	Traverse
Frederick Keller	9-5-63	Traverse
Hazel Peeso	9-5-63	Traverse
Amy S. Allen	11-7-63	Traverse

List of Jurors

NAME— MALES	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Austin, Joseph F.	West Street	Dairy Farmer	Self employed
Barnes, Philip R.	Federal Street	Maintenance	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Collis, John A.	Main Street	Photo-Lithographer	H. I. Newell, Amherst
Dickinson, Harvey M.	So. Main Street	Plastic Worker	Nat'l Transp. Plastics, Ind. Orchard
Gay, Royal K.	No. Main Street	Truck driver	Chadbourne's Serv. Sta., B'town
Goodrich, Fred	Federal Street	Storekeeper	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Labrie, Joseph	Federal Street	Heat treater	Moore Drop Forging Co., Springfield
Morey, Robert	No. Washington St.	Clerk	Belchertown Pharmacy
Slate, William T.	Bardwell Street	Electrician	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls
Slupnicki, Walter S.	Railroad Street	Laborer	Westinghouse, Springfield
Squires, William H., Jr.	Main Street	Auto mechanic	Self employed
Sutcliffe, Robert W.	Poole Road	Stock clerk	Tecnifax Co., Holyoke
Tucker, N. Harold, Jr.	D. Shays Highway	Electrical Tester	General Electric, Holyoke
Wheeler, Sidney W.	Everett Avenue	Financial advisor	Self employed
Keller, Frederick	Franklin Street	Maintenance Foreman	U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee
Barrett, Paul	Maple Street	Maintenance foreman	Hart-Top Mfg. Co., Holyoke
Smola, Rudolph	C. Walker St.	Turkey Grower	Anderson Turkey Farm
Terry, Donald	Turkey Hill Road	Farmer	Self employed
Depot, Philip	Metacomet Street	Chemical Operator	Shawinigan Resins Corp., Ind. Orch.
Thomas, Richard	State Street	Machine Operator	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orchard

Samson, Edward	Turkey Hill Road	Auto Body Repair	46 Union Street, Holyoke
Henrichon, Earl	Chauncey Walker St.	Salesman	Carlisle, Springfield
Henrichon, Edward A. Jr.	Chauncey Walker St.	Electrician	American Cyanide, Springfield
Dudek, Sebastian	Bardwell Street	Farmer	Self employed
Adzima, Peter	Old Springfield Road	Farmer	Self employed
Thayer, Kenneth	Mill Valley Rd.	Superintendent	Jarvis & Jarvis, Palmer
Hodgen, Isaac	Sargent Street	Bk. Trs. & Bd. of Inv.	Member, Ware, Mass.
Cook, Richard	C. Walker Street	Material Handler	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orch.
Mathras, Michael S.	East Walnut Street	Supervisor	F. W. Sickles Co., Chicopee Falls
Bock, Donald	Allen Road	Carpenter	Self empolyed
Whitlock, Gary	North Street	Salesman	Elder Jones Lumber, Amherst
Staples, David	So. Main Street	Owner	Jackson's Store, Belchertown
Rhodes, Lester	Warren Wright Rd.	Trucking	Self empolyed
Officer, John B.	C. Walker Street	Foreman	American Cyanide, Springfield
Rioux, James E.	No. Washington St.	Laborer	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orch.
Phaneuf, Roger L.	Jensen Road	Foreman	Quabbin Industries, Belchertown

FEMALE NAME—	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Allen, Amy S.	M. Sears Road	Housewife	———
Austin, Ann C.	West Street	Housewife	———
Grover, Emma L. M.	Federal Street	Housewife	———
Hislop, Lucy J.	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper	——— H. B. Ketchen & Son
Jenks, Celia B.	D. Shays Highway	Retired	———
Lindquist, Alma S.	Mill Valley Road	Bank teller	Ludlow Savings Bank
Rhodes, Helen M.	Enfield Road	Housewife	———
Hennemann, Barbara C.	E. Walnut Street	Clerk	Bell & Hudson Ins. Agency, Inc.
Stacy, Adelyn	Walnut Street	Retired	———
Bullough, Constance	State Street	Line girl	F. W. Sickles
Whittaker, Alice	State Street	Housewife	———
Peeso, Hazel	No. Main Street	Housewife	———
Depot, Edith	Metacomet Street	Housewife	———
Anderson, Marion	Turkey Hill Road	Turkey Raiser	Anderson's Turkey Farm
Gawlik, Jane	Lloyd Avenue	Off. Mgr. & Ins. Broker	Cornelius W. Philips, Jr., Chicopee

Report of Selectmen

The year of 1963 has passed for the Town of Belchertown, and has left behind it many signs of progress. Following after the annual Town Election, the Board of Selectmen organized as follows: Earl F. Henrichon, Chairman of the Board; Walter Tolpa, Jr., Clerk of the Board; and Michael Mathras, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare.

The Board of Selectmen have met regularly on Thursday nights, and have scheduled additional meetings as they became necessary. Your Board has attended all out of town meetings that required local representation. During this year the Board held a meeting with all Town boards in an attempt to create better harmony and to lessen overlapping of authority in certain areas. We feel that this meeting led to a better understanding between departments and should be a regularly scheduled event.

Our Chapter 81 road program was responsible for the surfacing of 1200 feet on Gold Street, 1400 feet on Gulf Road, 1200 feet on Rural Street, 1500 feet on Boardman Road, 1500 feet on South Washington Street, 1200 feet on Cold Spring Road, and 1200 feet on Warren Wright Road. We hope to see all the above roads completed in 1964. In addition to this work over 42,000 feet of road surface was treated with penetrating sealer. Also under C. 81, the bad curve on Rockrimmon Road was partially eliminated and widened.

New work under Chapter 81 for the year of 1964 will include work on Orchard Street and Eskett Road, which are both school bus and mail routes.

The Chapter 90 construction project on Route 21, under the supervision of Donald Terry, has been completed to the junction of Route 202 and 21 except for shoulder grading which will be completed this year. Due to the number of serious accidents resulting in serious injury and death on Route 21 at Isaac's corner, this Board has written several letters to the Department of Public Works in Boston and in Greenfield. They have recommended that reconstruction of this curve is the only possible solution to this problem. The Department of Public Works estimates that the probable cost of this reconstruction will be $25,000. Large flashing signs (at the cost of $1200 each) were felt by the State engineers to be inadequate as they would do nothing to correct the situation. The Board looks forward to continuing the construction on Bay Road and Stebbins Street in 1964.

Funds allocated by the Department of Public Works under Chapter 782, have enabled us to complete 400 feet of road construction and surfacing on Fuller Street, and 800 feet of reconstruction and surfacing on Jensen Road and the parking area in front of Parson's Field. 1200 feet of bituminous concrete was used to resurface Park Street. New projects to be undertaken under Chapter 782 are the removal of the banks at the side of the underpass on the Three Rivers Road, and further work on Allen Street, East Street and on Daniel Square to eliminate the water drainage problem.

The Board of Selectmen, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dickinson and their family represented the Town at the Bicentennial Celebration in Wilbraham. A special thanks goes to Dr. Kenneth Collard for his services as chauffeur.

This year of 1963 has shown great progress by the Town of Belchertown in the appointment of Attorney Paul T. Ford, of Amherst, as Town Counsel. His services have been called on by nearly every department in our Town Government. The Board feels that it is good for a growing and progressive town to have all its legal business handled by one lawyer to avoid any confusion in town business.

The Belchertown Civil Defense program has limped along despite the efforts of Mr. Thomas to put some life into it. This program has met with almost complete apathy on the part of the townspeople. Your Board is carrying this program over into the 1964 budget because we feel that it is essential. Civil Defense is like insurance, you hope you never need it, but when you do it can be a matter of life or death to any one or all of us.

The Board has found in Mr. John Reed, our newly appointed Zoning By-law Enforcement Officer, a capable and very competent worker. Mr. Reed is working closely with our Town Counsel to correct some of the circumvention of our Zoning Laws which has been going on. This past year, the Town finally succeeded in getting some of the area of the Loftus property rezoned to Industrial. We have now a correctly zoned area that could be offered to an industry interested in locating in this area.

The Board wishes to commend the Town Beach Committee and those who worked with them for their work in the construction of the New Bath House at the Town Beach.

Much work has once again been done this year to improve the appearance and serviceability of our Town owned buildings. At Memorial Hall new front doors have been installed. We regret that the cost of repairing the floor was far more than the appropriation, so the Board had to delay this much needed work temporarily. At the Town Barn new doors were installed, three stalls were blacktopped, the rear side of the building was clapboarded, and new lights were installed on the outside to facilitate the loading of trucks at night. The interior of the Town Hall was repainted and the floors refinished.

1963 saw the start of construction on our long awaited new Jr.-Sr. High School. At this time the construction is on schedule and we hope that it will be completed by September of 1964.

In the year of 1963 the town purchased a new pickup truck to be used by the Highway Superintendent, and one new dump truck was ordered in December of 1963 and delivered in January of 1964 completely equipped with a new snow plow. It is the hope of this Board that the Town will vote favorably the money for construction of an addition to the Town Barn, so that our new equipment may be properly housed and cared for.

The skating Rink at the North End of the Common was enlarged through the efforts of our Fire Department and Police Association and Dr. Kenneth L. Collard. We thank them for the erection of lights so that this area may be enjoyed during the evening hours. by adults as well as young people.

We wish to thank all town departments as well as local organizations that have cooperated with this board to make 1963 a year of progress.

EARL F. HENRICHON, Chm.
WALTER TOLPA, JR., Clerk
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS

Report of Assessors

The Board of Assessors and the Town lost a valuable public servant in the passing of Elliott S. Cordner. He had the interest of the Town at heart and many extra hours of work were given by him without cost to the Town. He was devoted to his work as an assessor and is greatly missed by the Board. Mrs. Squires who has been doing the clerical work of the Board for fourteen years, was appointed to fill the vacancy until March 1964.

The Board received 145 photostatic copies of property transfers during 1963.

Eighty-one building permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen during 1963. The total value was $1,414,143.00.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fees.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$737,280.45
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$1,992.46	
State audit of municipal accounts	1,858.61	
County tax	14,021.74	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	3,821.60	
Overlay for the current year	8,519.32	30,213.73
Gross amount to be raised		767,494.18

Estimated receipts from the State	237,529.85	
Available funds	163,508.29	
County tax less than estimate	577.47	
State parks and reservations less	191.07	401,806.68
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		365,687.50
Total Valuation		
Personal property	699,953.00	
Real estate	6,875,745.00	7,575,698.00
Tax levy at $48.00		
Personal property	33,597.74	
Real estate	330,035.76	
Polls	2,054.00	
Total levy		365,687.50
Added Assessments		
Real estate	3,648.00	
Personal property	48.00	
	$3,696.00	

Board of Assessors,
WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., Chairman
ARLAN V. SKINNER
DORIS S. SQUIRES

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

1961—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		$34.00
Abated	$34.00	
	34.00	34.00
1962—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		36.00
Refunds		2.00
Collected	12.00	
Abated	16.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	10.00	
	38.00	38.00
1963—POLL TAX		
Committed for collection		2,054.00
Refunds		.43
Collected	1,844.43	
Abated	138.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	72.00	
	2,054.43	2,054.43
1960—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		129.00
Abated	129.00	
	129.00	129.00

1961—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Outstanding 1/1/63		187.53
Collected	2.35	
Outstanding 12/31/63	185.18	
	187.53	187.53

1962—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Outstanding 1/1/63		342.00
Collected	141.75	
Outstanding 12/31/63	200.25	
	342.00	342.00

1963—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Committed for collection		33,645.75
Refunds		9.60
Collected	32,777.43	
Abated	83.52	
Outstanding 12/31/63	794.40	
	33,655.35	33,655.35

1961—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/63		9.31
Collected	9.31	
	9.31	9.31

1962—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/63		118.05
Collected	99.92	
Outstanding 12/31/63	18.13	
	118.05	118.05

1963—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Committed for collection		780.35
Refund		70.12
Collected	632.67	
Abated	3.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	214.80	
	850.47	850.47

1962—SEWER BETTERMENT (Appor.)		
Outstanding 1/1/63		33.74
Collected	33.74	
	33.74	33.74
1963—SEWER BETTERMENT (Appor.)		
Committed for collection		67.69
Collected	67.69	
	67.69	67.69
1963—SEWER BETTERMENT (In full)		
Committed for collection		264.83
Collected	264.83	
	264.83	264.83
1962—COMMITTED INTEREST (Sewer Appor.)		
Outstanding 1/1/63		10.80
Collected	10.80	
	10.80	10.80
1963—COMMITTED INTEREST (Sewer Appor.)		
Committed for collection		18.88
Collected	18.88	
	18.88	18.88
1963—COMMITTED INTEREST (Sewer in full)		
Committed for collection		5.13
Collected	5.13	
	5.13	5.13
1960—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		10.75
Tax Titles	10.75	
1961—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		5,370.92
Refunds		110.50

Collected	5,284.02	
Abated	110.45	
Tax Titles	86.95	
	5,481.42	5,481.42
1962—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/63		20,789.49
Refunds		105.75
Collected	14,078.38	
Abated	121.50	
Tax Titles	83.25	
Outstanding 12/31/63	6,612.11	
	20,895.24	20,895.24
1963—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Committed for collection		333,683.76
Refunds		875.97
Collected	300,969.48	
Abated	5,995.20	
Tax Titles	247.20	
Outstanding 12/31/63	27,347.85	
	334,559.73	334,559.73
1959—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Paid after abatement		26.06
Collected	26.06	
1960—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/63		219.47
Outstanding 12/31/63	219.47	
1961—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/63		612.34
Collected	99.85	
Abated	484.29	
Outstanding 12/31/63	28.20	
	612.34	612.34
1962—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/63		3,980.60
Committed for collection during 1963		1,512.39

Refunds		604.23
Paid after abatement		15.40
Collected	4,924.04	
Abated	938.30	
Outstanding 12/31/63	250.28	
	6,112.62	6,112.622
1963—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Committed for collection		69,482.16
Refunds		3,093.94
Collected	53,051.28	
Abated	6,126.32	
Outstanding 12/31/63	13,398.50	
	72,576.10	72,576.10
1960—SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1/1/63		30.00
Outstanding 12/31/63	30.00	
1961—SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1/1/63		70.00
Abated	40.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	30.00	
	70.00	70.00
1962—SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1/1/63		220.00
Collected	55.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	165.00	
	220.00	220.00
1963—SEWER CHARGES		
Committed for collection		4,920.00
Refunds		15.00
Collected	4,815.00	
Outstanding 12/31/63	120.00	
	4,935.00	4,935.00

BALANCE

Outstanding 1/1/63 Taxes, excises & charges		32,204.00
Committed for collection during 1963		446,434.94
Refunds and paid after abatement		4,929.00
Collected, paid to treasurer	419,224.04	
Abatements	14,219.58	
Tax titles & subsequent titles	428.15	
Outstanding 12/31/63	49,696.17	
	$483,567.94	483,567.94

Taxes, excises and charges collected during 1963	$419,224.04
Demand and warrant fees collected during 1963	837.00
Interest added to bills collected during 1963	676.29
Total paid to treasurer	$420,737.33

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,

Town and Tax Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury, 1-1-63		$197,188.46	
Receipts during 1963		2,126,502.69	
			$2,323,691.15
Expenditures during 1963		1,294,105.81	
Cash in treasury, 12-31-63			
General	177,202.69		
School Constr.	852,382.65	1,029,585.34	
			$2,323,691.15

1963 High School Construction Appropriation		$1,100.000.00
Bond Issue sold 20 yrs. @ 3.1%	930,000.00	
Town Stabilization Fund	85,000.00	
State matching grant	85,000.00	
	$1,100,000.00	$1,100,000.00
Bond principal after sale	930,000.00	
Bond sale premium	5,784.60	
Accrued interest (2 days)	160.17	
Original deposit (Constr.)		$935,944.77
Stab. Fund & State grant		170,000.00
		$1,105,944.77

The treasurer has invested, as provided by law, the following sums with interest or discounted:

Purchased 9-12-63, Treasury Bills for $98,889.33, due 1-9-64, discount $1,110.67.

Purchased 9-12-63, Treasury Bills for $99,483.56, due 11-7-63, discount $516.44.

Purchased 9-12-63, Certificates for $500,000.00, due 3-16-64, Interest 3¾%

Purchased 11-7-63, Certificates for $100,000.00, due 2-7-64, Interest 3⅝%

During 1963 the treasurer, as authorized, borrowed for general purposes as follows:

Note # 220—$50,000, dated 4-15-63, due 11-15-63, discounted @ 1.35% — 395.62
Note #222—$75,000, dated 6-24-63, due 12-15-63, discounted @ 1.48% — 533.36
Note #223—$75,000, dated 7-30-63, due 12-31-63, discounted @ 1.58% — 503.52

$1,432.50

The Town Treasurer invested general town funds, exclusive of trust funds, bringing income to the town in the amount of $2,266.57.

During 1963 the town employed 306 persons in all departments.

Gross wages (Before deductions)		$356,782.19
Deductions from wages		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,313.65	
Group Life Insurance	658.17	
Federal Withholding Taxes	46,639.36	
Teacher retirement	11,745.46	
Employee retirement	4,174.72	
State Withholding Taxes	4,055.84	
Net wages paid	286,194.99	
	$356,782.19	$356,782.19

TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Fund	Bal. 1-1-63	Withdrawn	Interest	Deposits	Bal. 12-31-63
Geo. D. Longley Music	$2,233.59		$90.22		$2,323.81
C. Bridgman High School	6,364.01		257.10		6,621.11
S. M. D. Bridgman Cemetery	604.78		24.40		629.18
Whiting Street	10,951.93		442.42		11,394.35
W. Stebbins Cemetery	1,461.25		59.02		1,520.27
C. Bridgman Library	4,234.43	$399.11	164.68		4,000.00
N. E. Brown Cemetery	1,096.53	30.00	43.88		1,110.41
Cemetery Perpetual Care	31,775.19	1,256.62	1,273.29	$800.00	32,591.86
Post-War Rehabilitation	117.26		4.72		121.98
Stabilization	87,801.69	85,000.00	2,625.18	5,000.00	10,426.87

S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund—525 share common capital stock @ $10.00 (First National Bank, Amherst).

S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund—35 shares common capital stock @ $40.00 (West Side Properties, Inc.).

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Report of Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

Births	
Boys (Includes twin boys)	43
Girls	36
Total	79
Place of birth	
Holyoke	24
Ware	16
Northampton	13
Palmer	12
Springfield	9
Chicopeee (WAFB)	5
Total	79
Marriages	43

	Male	Female
Resident	15	28
Non-resident	28	15
Totals	43	43

Married at Belchertown	21
Other (Mass.)	20
Out of state	2
	43
Marriage intentions filed	38

Deaths	
Male	42
Female	35
Total	77
Died at Belchertown	52
Other (Mass.)	25
Total	77

(Note—30 of the above deaths were resident at the Belchertown State School)

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Items	Amounts
Sporting licenses (Gross)	631	$2,756.50
Dog licenses (Gross)	578	1,531.00
Mortgages and terminations	120	335.00
Registration of business	3	3.00
Pole location and re-location orders	13	53.00
Registration of fuel storage	34	17.00
B - M - D copies and affidavits	164	161.00
Marriage intentions	38	80.00
Declaration of trust	1	5.00
Registration to practice medicine	1	1.00
Federal lien	1	4.00
Sale of town maps	35	17.50
Sale of By-law booklets	9	2.25
Totals	1,628	$4,966.25

Payments (To Town Treasurer)	
Sporting licenses (Div. of Fish and Game)	$2,610.00
Dog licenses (County of Hampshire)	1,386.50
Sporting licenses, town fees	146.50
Dog licenses, town fees	144.50
Mortgages and terminations, town fees	335.00
Registration of business, town fees	3.00
Pole orders, town fees	53.00

Registration of fuel storage, town fees	17.00
B M D copies and affidavits, town fees	161.00
Marriage intentions, town fees	80.00
Declaration of trust, town fees	5.00
Registration to practice medicine, town fees	1.00
Federal lien, town fees	4.00
Sale of maps, town fees	17.50
Sale of By-Laws, town fees	2.25
Total	$4,966.25

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Health

Shortly after the Annual Town Meeting the Board of Health organized as follows: George A. Smith, Chairman; Catherine L. Austin, Clerk; Doctor Kenneth L. Collard, Member at Large.

To help carry out the duties of the Board of Health the following appointments were made:

Agent-Sanitarian: John A. Brickett
Inspector of Animals: Lewis J. Austin
Inspector of Slaughtering: Melvin F. Andrews
Report Clerk: Doris S. Squires
Special Agent to the Board of Health for Belchertown State School: Doctor Lawrence P. Bowser

Routine meetings of the Board of Health were held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Two joint meetings were held with the Board of Selectmen to consider problems concerning both health and town government.

The Chairman of the Board of Health has inspected all new septic tank installations. Our Sanitarian has made regular monthly inspections of all public eating and drinking establishments. Whenever deviations from the Sanitary Code of Belchertown were found, he took prompt measures to correct them.

Four premature infants were born in 1963, two of whom died. A visiting nurse working under the direction of a physician and closely cooperating with him, should be a strong force to help prevent such tragic waste of human life. If it wants one, Belchertown can have a visiting nurse. A generous Federal grant, $6,000 annually for a period of three years if necessary, is available. Federal subsidy for a period of three years has a dual purpose—it gives both time to evaluate the worth of the service to the people, and time to develop income sources, both from nursing fees and insurance contracts. This should help to offset the cost of the program.

Any organized local group wishing to secure a speaker on the subject of a visiting nurse for Belchertown may call the Board of Health.

Communicable Diseases Reported

The following communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health in 1963:

Mumps	15
Scarlet fever	1
Chicken pox	17
Dysentery (Bascillary)	2
Dysentery (Sonne)	12
Hepatitis	1
German measles	6
Measles	7
Meningitis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Dog bites	36

The attention of owners or boarders of dogs is called to the fact that they have legal responsibility to see that dogs in their keeping do not jeopardize the safety of the public. Thirty-six dog bites in one year are thirty-six dog bites too many.

Immunization Program

Polio Clinic

Age Group	Type I	Type II	Type III
0-1	0	19	17
1-5	66	306	41
5-12	273	519	432
12-18	322	322	312
18-Over	13	41	13
Total	674	1207	815

The Belchertown Dump is still an ugly health problem in our community. Breeding flies, rodents and littering the surrounding area with trash, it makes the adjacent area less desirable for residential purposes. Our Sanitarian advises us that a sanitary land-fill type of waste disposal is the goal to strive for, and more effort will be made to keep the dump in good condition. The Board of Health has contracted with the Albolene Exterminating Co. to help in the control of insects and rodents.

This year the Belchertown Board of Health was signally honored. Doctor Kenneth L. Collard, our Member at Large, was elected President of the Hampshire County Associated Boards of Health. This organization studies problems relating to public health and methods of meeting them.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. SMITH, JR., Chairman
CATHERINE L. AUSTIN, Clerk
KENNETH L. COLLARD, Member at Large

REPORT OF SANITATION ADVISOR

The Honorable Board of Health
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1963.

During 1963 regular inspections were made on twelve restaurants, three stores or markets, and one bakery. In most cases, extremely few recommendations were made.

One licensed piggery was inspected regularly. The sanitary conditions of this business continued to meet health standards.

One trailer park license and two recreational camp licenses were issued. All facilities were inspected regularly. Routine water samples were taken from the recreational camps to determine the safety of both the drinking and swimming supplies.

One health nuisance complaint was investigated and found to have no health significance. One other complaint was investigated and abated through positive health board action.

Thirty-six itinerant restaurants were inspected during the annual fair. Each establishment operated in accordance with health regulations.

During the summer months regular inspections were made at the town beach. Three swimming water samples were taken from Lake Arcadia and one from Lake Metacomet. All samples indicated good swimming water quality.

Several conferences were held with the Beach Committee regarding the installation of bath house and toilet facilities. The committee should be congratulated in erecting such a fine structure for a minimal cost. Such a building will enhance the swimming area, as well as, more nearly meet health standards.

Regular inspections were made at the Town Dump. Several recommendations were made to maintain the dump in as sanitary a condition as possible. Because of the nature of the dump additional effort and money will be needed to maintain the dump so that nuisances will be kept to a minimum.

Several meetings were attended with both the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen. Extremely fine cooperation was received from both agencies.

I wish to thank the residents of Belchertown for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1963.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BRICKETT, R. S.
Agent - Sanitarian

Belchertown–Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare

Gentlemen:

The following report reflects a summary of the welfare services performed for Belchertown and Granby during 1963 by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District and the administration expense to each town.

Ninety cases (including 44 children) were handled, 415 visits made and payments for aid totalled $67,800.35. The year closed with a total of 53 active cases which include 25 children.

At the present time the Federal Government is placing special emphasis on services with the ultimate hope of rehabilitation wherever possible. Federal reimbursement for administration has been increased in some categories to compensate for the extra work involved in carrying out these requirements. This year the Federal Government advanced to the District $1,506.94 against its administrative expense which means that the net operating cost of the District has been reduced accordingly. This advance will be reflected in the net cost for this year and the amount assessed to the towns for 1964 operating expenses. The District will continue to operate by apportioning the estimated net cost for 1964 on the basis of 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby. Belchertown has been assessed $1,145.46 and Granby $687.27, totalling $1,832.73, which is the anticipated amount needed above expected State and Federal reimbursements to operate the District for 1964. The cash balance 12-31-63 was $5,099.92 (Belchertown—$3,187.45; Granby—$1,912.47). This balance reflects the Federal advance of $1,506.94 mentioned above.

The breakdown of the operating expense for 1963 is as follows.

Salaries	$9,804.36
Travel	385.71
Postage	153.15
Supplies	60.66
Telephone	223.15
Office Rent	720.00
Equipment	99.00
Office Maintenance	12.25
Compensation Insurance	44.70
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor and Legal Expense	65.00
Meetings, Dues, Conferences, etc.	27.10
Miscellaneous	22.25
Druggist Blue Book	9.00
Hampshire County Assessment	1,007.50
Hospital Insurance	212.54
Group Life Insurance	24.72
Total Operating Cost	$12,883.09
Reimbursements Received	$11,956.92
Net Cost for 1963	$926.17

(Cost to Belchertown, $578.85; Granby, $347.32)

There have been a few inquiries about the possibility of making Surplus Commodities available to the towns through the Welfare District, but the physical layout of the office does not permit this at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
ROY A. NUTTING
Welfare District Committee

LENA N. WILSON, Director

Report of Welfare District Director

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

As was anticipated in my report to the Town last year, concentrated effort during 1963 has been placed on services rendered to Aid to Dependent Children families. During the year 13 such cases were handled which included 38 children. In accordance with Federal requirements the social welfare as well as the economical aspect of these families has to be considered, in order that the children involved can be given an opportunity to become an asset to society. Rehabilitating these families to the point of financial independence and normal family life is the ultimate goal of this program.

Legislation during the year resulted in budget increases and an increased exemption of single children recipients, which resulted in a decrease in their liability to their parents' support. The Settlement law was eliminated in Old Age Assistance and General Relief which means that effective 1-1-64 this Town is responsible for all aid rendered any case living in Belchertown above Federal and State reimbursements.

The Town received an advance payment on Federal reimbursement for administration of $188.38 which reflects a peculiar situation in the summary figures below (Board Salaries).

	Expenditures	*Reimbursements*	*Net Cost*
Old Age Assistance	$28,316.23	$26,273.57	$2,042.66
Medical Assistance for the Aged	14,467.61	12,111.06	2,356.55
Aid to Dependent Children	8,564.73	8,558.02	6.71

	Expenditures	*Reim- bursements*	*Net Cost*
Disability Assistance	1,573.71	1,203.97	369.74
General Relief	988.83	372.34	616.49
Total	$53,911.11	$48,518.96	$5,392.15
Board Salaries	425.00	437.14	cr. 12.14
Total			$5,380.01
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District			578.85

Total Net cost for the Public Assistance programs for 1963 and the administration cost of the same	$5,958.86

During the year 299 visits were made and 65 cases (including 36 children) were handled. At the close of the year the Town of Belchertown had a total of 42 active cases which included 21 children. The Town holds 14 Old Age Assistance liens.

This office sincerely appreciates the cooperation of your Board, the various Town officials and also the Police Department for its ambulance service.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown-Granby Welfare
District

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1963		$3,573.85	
Receipts, 1963 from—	Federal	7,892.60	
	State	4,040.91	
	Belchertown	1,532.66	
	Granby	919.58	
	Deductions, wages	2,342.40	
	Miscellaneous	23.41	
			$20,325.41
Expenditures, 1963		15,225.49	
Cash in treasury, December 31, 1963		5,099.92	
			$20,325.41
Wage records, employees (3)			
Gross wages (before deductions)			$9,804.36
Deductions—	Blue Cross	212.54	
	Group Ins.	24.72	
	Federal tax	1,505.30	
	Retirement	490.22	
	State tax	109.62	
Net wage paid		7,461.96	
		$9,804.36	$9,804.36

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1963. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1963.

Crimes Against Persons:	
Assault and Battery	12
Assault with dangerous weapon	1
Assault, Indecent	1
Lewdness	1
Crimes Against Property:	
Arson	1
Breaking, Entering, Larceny	10
Larceny, Attempt	1
Malicious destruction of Personal Property	2
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Adultery	2
Disturbing the Peace	2
Driving Motor Vehicle to Endanger	6
Driving Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	5
Drunkenness	18
Fish and Game Law Violations	19
Neglect of Children	2
Neglect of Wife and Children	1
Selling liquor to Minors	2
Selling liquor not to be drunk on premises	2
Vagrancy	2
Motor Vehicle Law Violation	208

Weapon Carrying	1
	299
Juvenile Cases	11

The above totals are Crimes Against Person 15, Crimes Against Property 14, and Crimes Against Public Order 270.

The Police Ambulance made 82 trips to hospitals in our vicinity, 27 more than in 1962. The ambulance is to be used for emergencies or at the request of a doctor. Several calls were made to administer oxygen. When the ambulance is requested for use it requires two men. The regular and special police officers are on call at all times for this duty. This is a volunteer service, men are sometimes called from their jobs and from their own work to do this service and I want to thank each officer at this time for being available and for answering so quickly for these emergencies. The ambulance is equipped by the Police Association. A new type stretcher has been purchased this past year.

127 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1963, which is 32 more than in 1962. There were 3 fatal accidents. This department has answered 1,013 complaints compared with 827 in 1962. We have received and delivered emergency messages to persons having no telephones. We have served 140 summonses and handled 1,451 Motor Vehicle transfers, compared with 110 summonses and 697 Motor Vehicle transfers in 1962.

30 pistol permits were issued. Each applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. 3 dealers' licenses were issued in town.

For the second year we have maintained cruiser patrol on Sunday afternoons and three nights a week all through the year. I feel that this has been a big help to our community.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Special Officers, the Regular Police, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Comm., the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and my department.

My sincere thanks to all the Townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

Following is the annual report of the Belchertown Fire Department for the year 1963.

The department responded to 60 alarms during the year.

16	Building Fires
32	Brush and Grass Fires
6	Auto Fires
3	Auto Accidents
3	Resuscitator

The total fire loss to buildings amounted to $47,700.00. — The total fire loss to contents amounted to $14,700.00.

All Town departments have been most cooperative and helpful to our department, for which we are appreciative.

The Auxillary department, now under the capable leadership of Donald Bock, continues to be of great value to our department. We are grateful to them for their help.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Tree Warden

AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent:

During the year 1963 the Tree Department trimmed dead wood and cut low limbs, which were hitting bus and truck tops. The Department removed many dangerous and undesirable trees. There was some storm damage, mostly from wet snows in March, which weighted trees down into the roads.

We planted twenty Rock Maple trees in the tree belt, under the Tree Planting Program. The Dutch Elm Department removed thirty-six condemmed trees. Also removed were, twenty staghorns (trees too dead to get a sample from to culture).

Insect Pest Control: We sprayed once with 9% D.D.T., before foliage appeared, and again with 6% D.D.T., after foliage appeared. Parts of the town had to be sprayed for Canker Worm, which was defoliating the trees.

I attended a three day conference at the University of Mass., on the safe use of Pesticides.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commission organized March 11, 1963 and elected David G. Hodgen, Chairman, and Elwyn H. Bock, Clerk.

Projects completed this year included a mapping and filing system for Mt. Hope Cemetery, the installation of two hundred and fifty (250) feet of Cedar rail fence at Hillcrest Cemetery, painting and sealing fourteen hundred (1,400) feet of fence surrounding Mt. Hope, Rural, and Hillcrest Cemeteries.

Other projects this year have included repairing and straightening headstones, brush removal, grading and seeding, grass mowing, road repairs and snow removal.

A Cemetery Income Account was opened this year which received over five hundred dollars ($500.00) from burials. The Commission would like this money appropriated to the Cemetery Expense Account next year to be used for grading, seeding, and hand tools.

Mt. Hope Cemetery now has only twenty lots left for sale. The Commission feels the land adjoining Mt. Hope would be too expensive to develop to be made suitable for cemetery purposes, but because more land is needed, they have obtained an option to buy approximately six (6) acres of land adjoining South Cemetery, for twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00). We hope that the town will take favorable action at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Commission feels that it has had a successful and constructive year and thanks everyone for their consideration and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID G. HODGEN
ELWYN H. BOCK
LINCOLN A. COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

During 1963 additional surveys were completed for the installation of sanitary sewers in the Old Springfield Road and North Washington Street areas. This, together with the survey that was completed in 1962 for a sewer line from Old Springfield Road to Route 202, were combined into a general sewerage project and an application was filed for Federal assistance under the Accelerated Public Works Program and the Public Law 660 Pollution Act by which the cost could be reduced by 50%.

With the many interviews and letters to Federal Agencies, a Congressman and a Senator, we have not yet received a Federal Grant, though much encouragement has been received.

We feel that the area to be served is very important to the Town from a health standpoint, in that it will eliminate the pollution from septic tanks that presently border most of the area around the new school.

During the year seven new services were installed making a total of 243.

The inspection of our sewer lines in early spring, found many repairs to be made. New cement floors were laid in seven manholes and one was completely recemented and waterproofed with polyethylene liner. Considerable refuse and roots were removed from various manholes, and several hundred pounds of sewer aid were injected into the lines for the control of root growth.

A new three-inch diaphram pump was purchased for the department, plus several safety equipment items.

The metering devices at the State School required considerable clock repair and adjustment.

Meetings of the Sewer Department are held on the second Monday of each month.

The decision of Mrs. Helen Papp, not to seek reelection is deeply regretted. Her faithful and conscientious service to the department has been greatly appreciated.

We express our appreciation to Town Officials and residents for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DONALD HAZEN, Chairman
HELEN L. PAPP
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Town Beach Committee

At the Annual Town Meeting last year, a sum of $2,000 was voted to construct the 1st stage of a building to house toilet bath-house facilities at the Town Beach.

The 1st stage of this building was to consist of the construction of a main concrete building, 16' in length by 13' in width, to house both men's and ladies' rest rooms with wash basins and a first aid storage room. This stage was to include installation of septic tank and water supply.

The Town Beach Committee is most happy to report that due to the co-operation and interest shown by many townspeople and even some out-of-towners, not only the 1st stage but the 2nd stage of the building will be completed by the opening of the swimming season this year.

The 2nd stage of the building was to consist of the addition of wooden frame plywood sided dressing areas for both men and women, each containing an outside shower. This stage was also to include necessary landscaping and grading. This 2nd stage was to cost an additional $2,000.

The building is now nearing completion and covers in overall dimensions 49' 8" in length by 13' in width and 9'6" in height.

Due to the progress made with the original $2,000, at a special town meeting this year an additional $500 was voted to complete this structure this year. Expenditures for the Bath-house Project are as follows:

Lumber, Masonary and Concrete	$1,086.78
Plumbing	1,177.80
Electrical Work	90.85
Labor	116.12
Paint	26.90
Total	$2,498.45

Balance to be returned from the original $2,500, $1.55.

In this report the committee feels it only proper to give credit where credit is due. The following is a breakdown of how it was possible to accomplish so much for so little. Our many thanks —

To: Harold Mellin for the original plans for the Bath-house. Ted panzer for surveying and placing grade stakes, assisted by Russel Robinson and Irving Hislop.

For Material Donations: Ludlow Concrete—concrete for foundation Everett Plant—Steel Door Frames Warner Brothers—Black-Top Mrs. Stanley Grela—800 yards of Gravel Belchertown Salvage—Steel column pipe, plumbing fittings

For Labor Donations: Harry Brougham, Joseph O'Neill, Nelson Bullough, Victor Patnaude, Howard Lemon, Donald Perham, Everett Plant, Earl Plant, Charles Ayers, Jim Lemon, Edward Camp, Dave Hodgen, John Dodge, Donald Spooner, Earl Buzzard, Malcolm Stone, Milton Stone, John Reed, Eugene Olson, Roland LaPointe, William Terry, Edmund Bronner, Walter Boyko, John P. Malone, Herbert Waite, Ernest Lowe, Dana Judkins, Les Henderson, Albert La Page, Donald Terry, Roy Whidden, James Boyko, Walter Boyko Installation of plumbing equipment—Del Lajeunesse Labor for well tile and water line to bath-house—Dino J. Conti Installing electrical wiring—Walter Henry, Jr. Painting—Bert Anderson

For Equipment Donations for Beach Grading: Franklin Holmes, John P. Malone. Mrs. Annette Griswold, Dickie Cook, Albert LaPage, Phil Depot, Edward Syloski, Victor Patanaude, Albert Brown, and Lloyd Chadbourne. Thanks also to Joseph Kulig for his fine co-operation in use of Highway equipment.

There are others who donated of their time and equipment but asked that the committee leave their names unmentioned.

The Beach itself has benefited this year by many improvements. Installation of 80 feet of 5 foot high chain link fence was made on the boundary to the left of the entrance to the parking area. Two 14 foot chain link gates 5 feet high were installed at the entrance and exit of the parking area. The bath-house itself has been enclosed by 72 feet of 6 foot chain link fencing with an additional 1 foot barbed wire top. Two 3 foot gates of chain link fence have been installed at the entrance to the bath-house. Many trees were removed from the beach area and a good deal of bulldozing was done. Approximately 800 yards of fill was brought in to level and bring up the grade level from the parking lot to the beach proper. The beach front has been extended 60 feet. Two high knolls were eliminated. The road to the beach was widened and relocated to eliminate several bad curves. One electric light pole was relocated.

Plans for the Town Beach for this year are to further increase beach frontage, install more link fencing, grade, loam and seed areas near the bath-house, place picnic tables and fireplaces, increase parking area and eventually seal it. The planting of shade trees in desirable areas will also be undertaken.

In closing, the committee wishes again to thank all those responsible for making this project such a success. It is indeed gratifying to still find that in these modern, busy times, that people still find time to freely give of their time, talents and riches to support a community project in such a fine manner. It should make us all feel a little prouder to be a part of the "town on the hill".

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE W. SMIST
DIANE M. ROGERS
DONALD S. COLE
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

Report of Civil Defense Director

1. State School: Arranged for a bomb shelter in Nursery #3. Shelter signs are posted inside and outside of the building. The nursery can hold 108 people. Made a check of the cellulose dressings. Obtained Radiological monitoring set. (Due to receive food and water supplies.)

2. Courses: Made available a Radiological Monitoring course and a Shelter Managing course to the residents of Belchertown. (Attended the Radiological Monitoring course for four two-hour meetings, passing the requirements.)

3. Meetings: Attended one meeting, missed two others due to working hours at Monsanto.

4. Inventory: Taken on supplies in "office" in the basement of Clapp Memorial library. Inventories also completed on police and highway department equipment.

5. Misc: Work Sheet is completed except for typing. Progress Sheet has been three-quarters completed.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD D. THOMAS
Civil Defense Director

Report of Veterans' Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown

Expenditures for the year 1963 were higher than for the previous year. About 80% of the budget was spent for assistance granted to Veterans and their dependents.

As the average age of all Veterans increases, the cost of Veterans' services will increase. This is due to the fact that more serious illness usually occurs in one's latter years. In addition to aid to veterans, this office assists veterans in filing applications for V. A. pensions and assistance in writing letters to the V. A.

Office hours are from 7-9 p. m. on Monday nights.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. KOSIBA
Veterans' Agent

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1963

ASSETS		
CASH		$1,029,585.34
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1961		
Personal Property		185.18
Levy of 1962		
Poll	10.00	
Personal Property	200.25	
Real Estate	6,612.11	6,822.36
Levy of 1963		
Poll	72.00	
Personal Property	794.40	
Real Estate	27,347.85	28,214.25
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE:		
Levy of 1960	219.47	
Levy of 1961	28.20	
Levy of 1962	250.28	
Levy of 1963	13,398.50	13,896.45
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:		
Levy of 1962	18.13	
Levy of 1963	214.80	232.93
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		

LIABILITIES		
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		244.65
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	256.12	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Pensioners	41.84	
Group Life Insurance	60.53	
Insurance Reserve	820.29	1,178.78
AGENCY:		
Dog Licenses		5.25
TAILINGS		11.10
TRUST FUNDS:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund		2,254.91
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund		4.00
War Memorial Fund		10.19
FEDERAL GRANTS:		
O. A. A.		
Administration	460.00	
Assistance	2,272.99	
M. A. A.		
Administration	107.11	
Assistance	3,958.42	
A. D. C.		
Administration	44.34	
Assistance	2,282.26	
D. A.		
Administration	107.85	

Rentals of 1961	30.00	
Rentals of 1962	165.00	
Rentals of 1963	120.00	
Deferred assessments not due	498.80	843.80
TAX TITLES & TAX POSSESSIONS:		
Tax Titles	1,222.04	
Tax Possessions	495.94	1,717.98
DEPARTMENTAL:		
O. A. A.	33.61	
A. D. C.	1,050.92	
Highways	777.13	
Veterans' Services	1,133.20	3,275.36
AID TO HIGHWAYS:		
State		6,861.82
STATE RECREATION AREAS		245.80
		$1,091.881.27

Public Law 874	[illegible]	
Public Law 85-864 III	808.88	15,353.63
REVOLVING FUNDS:		
School Lunch	2,881.54	
High School Athletic Fund	451.59	
Clapp Memorial Library	1,088.66	4,421.79
CEMETERY INCOME		550.00
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		859,345.91
SALE OF REAL ESTATE		813.68
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS		210.00
ROAD MACHINERY EARNINGS		3,162.67
RESERVE FUND-OVERLAY SURPLUS		1,777.66
OVERLAYS reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1960	40.42	
Levy of 1961	114.18	
Levy of 1962	848.68	
Levy of 1963	2,302.60	3,385.88
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer	13,896.45	
Farm Animal Excise	232.93	
Special Assessments	843.80	
Tax Titles & Tax Possessions	1,717.98	
Departmental	3,275.36	
Aid to Highways	6,861.82	26,828.34
PREMIUM ON BONDS		3,374.89
SURPLUS REVENUE		168,947.94
		$1,091,881.27

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:		Inside the Debt Limit:	
General	$93,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	$17,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	1,029,000.00	School Building Loan of 1949	76,000.00
		Outside the Debt Limit:	
	$1,122,000.00	School Building Loan of 1952	99,000.00
		New Jr.-Sr. High School Building, 1963	930,000.00
			$1,122,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Innvestment Funds		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash & Securities in custody of the Treasurer	$74,239.84	Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	$629.18
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,110.41
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,000.00
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,323.81
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,621.11
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	11,394.35
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	3,500.00
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,520.27
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	32,591.86
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	121.98
		Stabilization Fund	10,426.87
	$74,239.84		$74,239.84

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1963

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Moderator	$25.00		25.00	
Selectmen, Salaries	1,575.00		1,575.00	
Selectmen, Expense	750.00		746.70	3.30
Town Accountant, Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00		42.54	32.46
Treasurer, Salary	1,900.00		1,900.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,136.85		1,136.85	
Collector, Salary	2,200.00		2,200.00	
Collector, Expense	1,626.00		1,625.75	.25
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	2,850.00		2,742.65	107.35
Finance Committee	90.00		68.43	21.57
Town Clerk, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	617.00	10.00 R	627.00	
Law	600.00		406.50	193.50
Elections and Registrations	1,175.00	58.00 T	1,232.75	.25
Planning Board	1,000.00		605.44	394.56
Appeals Board	50.00	79.69 T	129.69	
Home Rule Committee	25.00			25.00
Old Town Hall	1,250.00		989.55	260.45
Lawrence Memorial Hall	2,000.00		1,726.59	273.41
Town Barn	1,000.00	1.20 R	993.66	7.54
Conservation Commission	50.00		15.00	35.00
Zoning By Law Agent	150.00		75.00	75.00
Police Department	11,074.00	400.00 T	11,262.37	211.63
Fire Department	3,800.00		3,715.86	84.14
Water Storage Holes	300.00		299.96	.04
Insect Pest Control	700.00		699.70	.30
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00		1,199.90	.10
Tree Warden	1,400.00	29.00 T	1,429.00	
Forest Fires	1,000.00	597.05 T	1,597.05	
Wire Inspector	300.00		300.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	205.00		205.00	
Hydrant Service	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Dog Officer, Expense	60.00		48.85	11.15
Civilian Defense, Salary	300.00		225.00	75.00
Civilian Defense, Expense	500.00		14.91	485.09
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	1,720.00		1,638.84	81.16

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Town Dump	914.00		841.80	72.20
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Sewer Maintenance	4,700.00	561.71 T	5,281.21	43.50
Highways—Chapter 81	32,825.00	51.06 R	32,875.96	.10
Chapt. 90 C	24,000.00	4,237.31 T&C	28,237.31	
Chapt. 90 M	7,000.00	1.20 R	6,999.19	2.01
C. 782, Fuller St.	850.00	.60 R	849.59	1.01
C. 782, Jensen St.	2,000.00	3.30 R	1,980.07	23.23
C. 782, Park St.	4,200.00		4,200.00	
Streets	1,800.00	1.20 R	1,792.02	9.18
Streets, Brush	2,500.00		2,499.40	.60
Boardman St.	1,200.00	1.20 R	1,199.07	2.13
Cold Spring Rd.	1,200.00	1.20 R	1,200.66	.54
Dressell Ave.	1,200.00	2.10	1,200.87	1.23
Gold Street	1,200.00	4.20 R	1,199.97	4.23
Gulf Road	1,600.00	1.20 R	1,600.72	.48
Geo. Hannum St.	1,200.00	2.40 R	1,201.19	1.21
Railroad St.	400.00	.60 R	400.60	
Rural Road	1,200.00	1.50 R	1,199.37	2.13
South Washington St.	1,200.00	3.60 R	1,202.71	.89
Warren Wright St.	1,200.00	1.50 R	1,199.99	1.51
Bridges	2,700.00	4.83 R&T	2,704.83	
Belchertown-Bondsville Bridge	5,500.00	2.70 R	4,538.19	964.51
Sidewalks	200.00	25.00 T	225.00	
Snow Removal	12,500.00	2,290.23 T	14,790.23	
Road Machinery Expense	5,800.00	8.19 R	5,786.20	21.99
Purchase of ½ Ton Truck	1,700.00		1,700.00	
Purchase of new Dump Truck	6,147.00			1,853.00
Purchase of Snow Plow & Frame	1,853.00			6,147.00
Street Lighting	7,225.00		7,183.16	41.84
Board of Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	1,532.66		1,532.66	
Public Assistance	27,500.00	365.65 R	23,882.30	3,983.35

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Veterans' Agent, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans' Benefits	4,000.00	25.00 R	3,349.09	675.91
School Dept., General Cont.	16,995.00		14,539.01	2,455.99
Instruction	237,763.00		237,739.44	23.56
Operation	31,905.00		31,774.25	130.75
Reps. & Repl.	6,000.00		5,895.66	104.34
Transportation	39,784.00		39,505.68	278.32
Miscellaneous	3,000.00		2,857.67	142.33
Capital Outlay	2,150.00		2,108.59	41.41
Health	5,870.00		5,846.48	23.52
Household A.	7,543.00		7,480.83	62.17
Library	2,000.00		1,838.87	161.13
Rental	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Vocational Education	19,000.00		17,400.74	1,599.26
School Building Committee		4,406.45 C	2,886.94	1,519.51
Purchase of Sewer Right of Way	1,500.00			1,500.00
New Junior-Senior High School	1,100,000.00		254,084.31	848,326.40
Clapp Memorial Library	2,551.62	3,600.44 C&R	5,063.40	1,088.66
Parsons Field	600.00		311.50	288.50
Town Common	350.00		177.06	172.94
Summer Recreation	750.00		747.50	2.50
Town Beach Bathhouse	2,500.00		2,498.45	1.55
Unclassified	450.00		411.40	38.60
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00	214.31 T	1,214.31	
Memorial Day Services	200.00		165.58	34.42
Veterans' Day Services	60.00		57.00	3.00
Veterans' Graves	200.00		200.00	
Insurance Account	11,025.11		10,620.57	404.54
Approp. for Retirement	7,670.50		7,670.50	
Town Clock	150.00		150.00	
Reserve Fund	5,000.00		4,943.34	56.66
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Cemetery Expense	3,430.00	1,456.62 Ad.	4,837.71	48.91
Interest	6,002.50		6,002.50	
Maturing Debt	22,000.00		22,000.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town	4,164.00	9.31 R	3,192.69	980.62
Group Life Insurance	741.00		626.24	114.76

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1963

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949		$17,000.00
Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.		
Amount payable in 1964	$2,000.00	
SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951		99,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.		
Amount payable in 1964	$11,000.00	
SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952		76,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.		
Amount payable in 1964	$9,000.00	
NEW JR.-SR. H. S. BUILDING LOAN OF 1963		930,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 3.1% dated September 1, 1963, and payable $50,000.00 annually for 6 years and $45,000.00 annually for 14 years.		
Amount payable in 1964	$50,000.00	

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund To:

Snow Removal	$2,290.23
Forest Fires	597.05
Road Machinery Expense	300.00
Printing Town Reports	214.31
Zoning By-Law Agent	150.00
Sewer Maintenance	561.71
Highways, Chapter 90 C	236.52

Highways, Bridges	1.83	
Highways, Sidewalks	25.00	
Elections & Registrations	58.00	
Appeals Board	79.69	
Police Department	400.00	
Tree Warden	29.00	$4,943.34

I certify that, as Town Accountant, I have examined the cash accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Notary Public

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1961:		
Personal Property	$2.35	
Real Estate	5,284.02	$5,286.37
Levy of 1962:		
Poll	12.00	
Personal Property	141.75	
Real Estate	14,078.38	14,232.13
Levy of 1963:		
Poll	1,844.43	
Personal Property	32,777.43	
Real Estate	300,969.48	335,591.34
FROM THE STATE:		
Income Tax	16,779.53	
Corporation (Business Franchise)	13,665.49	
Loss of Taxes	7,557.35	38,002.37
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Alcoholic Beverages	3,655.00	
All other	211.50	3,866.50
PERMITS:		
Marriage		80.00

FORFEITS & FINES:		
Court Fines	514.50	
Tax Fees	836.00	1,350.50
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
FEDERAL:		
O. A. A., Assistance	16,395.49	
O. A. A., Administration	205.16	
M. A. A., Assistance	7,296.57	
M. A. A., Administration	73.49	
A. D. C., Assistance	5,547.50	
A. D. C., Administration	35.67	
D. A., Assistance	1,068.50	
D. A., Administration	18.16	
Public Law 874	8,458.00	
Public Law 864 Title III	420.04	
Public Law 864 Title V	235.20	39,753.78
STATE:		
O. A. A. (Meals Tax)	1,216.20	
Vocational Education	9,599.82	
Union Superintendent	3,333.33	
School Construction	85,000.00	
School Aid, Chapter 71	876.55	
Transportation	32,901.40	
School Building Aid	11,416.79	
School Aid, Chapter 70	39,006.10	
Employers Compensation	50.53	183,400.72
COUNTY:		
Dog Fund		551.62
COMMERCIAL REVENUE:		
Special Assessments		
Rentals of 1962	55.00	
Rentals of 1963	4,815.00	
1962 Apportionment	33.74	
1963 Apportionment	67.69	
Apportionment paid in full	264.83	

Certification of release	16.00	5,252.26
Tax Titles Redeemed	93.75	
Tax Titles Fees	8.00	101.75
PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1959	26.06	
Levy of 1961	99.85	
Levy of 1962	4,924.04	
Levy of 1963	53,051.28	58,101.23
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1961	9.31	
Levy of 1962	99.92	
Levy of 1963	632.67	741.90
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Collector	1,156.00	
Town Clerk	892.75	2,048.75
Municipal Buildings:		
Old Town Hall	90.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	365.00	455.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Police Permits & Licenses		75.00
Fire Licenses & Permits		84.00
Inspection:		
Buildings	80.00	
Wires	96.00	
Sealing Weights & Measures	53.60	229.60
Other Protection:		
Dog Officer		1,293.00
HEALTH & SANITATION:		
Licenses & Permits	98.50	
Department of Agriculture	150.00	248.50

HIGHWAYS:		
From the State	50,167.12	
From the County	6,999.72	
Rent of Town Machinery	48.00	
Damage of Highways	290.65	
Road Machinery Earnings	8,477.85	65,983.34
REIMBURSEMENT FOR PUBLIC WELFARE:		
From Cities & Towns	95.11	
From Individuals	190.00	285.11
Reimbursement for Old Age:		
From Cities & Towns	356.19	
State	5,542.63	
Administration	65.24	5,964.06
Medical Assistance:		
State	4,814.49	
Administration	19.34	4,833.83
Aid to Dependent Children:		
State	2,022.64	
Administration	15.30	2,037.94
Disability Assistance:		
State	135.47	
Administration	4.78	140.25
Veterans' Services:		
State		1,467.77
General Relief Recovery		257.29
Sewers		21.50
SCHOOLS:		
Tuition & Transportation	8,315.59	
High School Athletic Fund	765.81	
New Junior-Senior High School	1,015,000.00	
Premium on School Bonds	5,784.60	
School Lunch from State	11,878.89	
School Lunch income	37,450.97	1,079,195.86

LIBRARIES:		
Clapp Memorial Library		1,296.50
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS:		
TRUST FUNDS		
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	399.11	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	30.00	
Susan M. D. Bridgman, Income	787.50	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	75.00	1,291.61
AGENCY:		
Dog Licenses	1,386.50	
Sporting Licenses	3,363.25	4,749.75
Federal Withholding Taxes	46,639.36	
Retirement	4,174.72	
State Withholding Taxes	4,055.84	
Blue-Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	3,448.81	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Pensioners	461.56	
Group Life Insurance	723.63	60,324.21
RECREATION:		
Rent of Common		200.00
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Sale of Land on Federal St.	225.00	235.00
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	175.00	
Perpetual Care	700.00	
Income	1,808.62	2,683.62
INTEREST:		
On Deposits	2,292.82	
On Deferred Taxes	672.76	
Committed Interest	34.81	
On Tax Titles Redeemed	2.68	
On New Jr.-Sr. High School Bonds	676.61	
Div. from Equitable Life Assurance Soc.	546.97	4,226.65

Municipal Loans:		
In anticipation of Revenue		200,000.00
REFUNDS:		
General Relief	20.00	
Public Assistance	155.65	
Road Machinery Expense	8.19	
Town Clerk	10.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	9.31	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Approp.	9.31	
Veterans' Benefits	25.00	
Dog Officer	4.50	
Insurance Premium	233.37	
Highways	73.20	
Clapp Memorial Library	13.61	562.14
		2,126.502.69
	Correction	150.00
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1963		197,038.46
		$2,323,691.15

EXPENDITURES

MODERATOR		$25.00
SELECTMEN:		
Salaries		$1,575.00
Expense:		
Massachusetts Association	154.36	
Association Meeting, Dinners, Etc.	25.00	
Clerical	239.99	
Telephone	123.33	
Printing & Postage	54.05	
Office Supplies	8.47	
Mileage	130.00	
Advertising	11.50	746.70
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary		1,000.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	5.00	

Office Supplies	16.12	
Vouchers	16.42	
Postage	5.00	42.54
STATE AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS		1,858.61
TREASURER:		
Salary		1,900.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	
Bonds	211.60	
Printing & Postage	235.94	
Clerical	565.47	
Telephone	14.20	
Office Supplies	15.63	
Cartage	1.11	
Mileage	82.50	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	4.40	1,136.85
COLLECTOR:		
Salary		2,200.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	
Bond	284.40	
Printing & Postage	572.91	
Clerical	635.28	
Office Supplies	76.99	
Registry of Deeds	21.50	
Tax-Taking Notices	18.50	
Mileage	10.17	1,625.75
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries		1,300.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	12.00	
Janitors's Salary	30.00	
Clerical	883.88	
Printing & Postage	296.29	
Telephone	192.05	
Maintaining Valuation	905.87	
Travel	45.00	
Films & Office Supplies	35.83	

Repairs to typewriter	18.80	
New Typewriter	186.50	
Shelves in office	40.54	
Transfer	95.89	2,742.65
FINANCE COMMITTEE:		
Expense:		
Association Dues	25.00	
Association Meetings	22.50	
Clerical	20.93	68.43
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:		
Expense:		
Association Dues		15.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary		900.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	10.00	
Bond	20.00	
Printing & Postage	176.65	
Clerical	117.25	
Telephone	167.65	
Office Supplies	118.38	
Typewriter Repairs	6.75	
Miscellaneous	10.32	627.00
LAW:		
Fillers for Law Book	72.50	
Town Attorney	300.00	
All others	34.00	406.50
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS:		
Expense:		
Registrars	121.50	
Election Officers	423.60	
Posting Warrants & Notices	27.40	
Printing & Postage	207.40	
Street Listing	240.00	
Clerical	188.75	

Legal Notices	22.60	
Janitor's Services	1.50	1,232.75
PLANNING BOARD:		
Professional Services	559.15	
Clerical	15.00	
Office Supplies	21.13	
Registry of Deeds	4.00	
Telegram	6.16	605.44
BOARD OF APPEALS:		
Clerical	33.95	
Postage	1.69	
Office Supplies	2.00	
New File	92.05	129.69
OLD TOWN HALL:		
Janitor's Salary	230.40	
Lights & Bulbs	114.81	
Fuel	442.63	
Repairs & Replacements	201.71	989.55
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:		
Janitor's Salary	30.00	
Lights	280.41	
Fireproof Curtains	36.00	
Waterproof Building	999.00	
Care of Shrubbery	34.00	
Repair Public Address System	25.00	
New Front Doors Installed	320.20	
Miscellaneous	1.98	1,726.59
ZONING BY-LAW OFFICER		
Salary		75.00
TOWN BARN:		
Wages	22.00	
Lights	94.98	
Telephone	127.58	
Fuel	212.81	

Repairs to Burner	12.00	
Repairs to Barn	251.77	
Painting Equipment	248.52	
Water	24.00	993.66
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Association Dues	10.00	
Office Supplies	89.59	
Postage	25.60	
Telephone	221.47	
Forms	20.00	
Law	60.00	
Police Vests & Shoulder Patches	108.75	
Guns & 1 Holster	275.56	
Radio Service	302.62	
New Motorola	759.00	
Siren Replaced	15.00	
Auto Repairs	186.61	
Oil, Gas, Anti freeze, etc.	960.48	
Battery	26.46	
State Inspection	3.00	
Reline Shoes	27.86	
New Tires	154.12	
Dry Cleaning	8.00	
Measuring Wheel	29.75	
Flash Bulbs & Films	18.76	
Garage Rent	60.00	
Constables Wages	4,088.51	
Constables Mileage	24.78	
Court	630.00	
School Traffic Officers	995.00	
All other officers	2,159.45	
Pistol Permit	2.00	11,262.37
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Association Dues	8.00	
Chief's Salary	600.00	
Outdoor Permits	145.00	
Repairs & Replacements	117.55	
Snow Removal	72.00	
Office Supplies	4.48	

Printing & Postage	53.60	
Radio Service	289.00	
Equipment	430.08	
Educational Magazines	36.30	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	446.15	
Fuel	246.53	
Oil & Gas	178.15	
State Inspection	2.50	
Auto Repairs	182.19	
Massachusetts Electric	143.28	
Motorola Installed	761.05	3,715.86
WATER STORAGE HOLES:		
Wages	148.80	
Hired Equipment	80.00	
Material	71.16	299.96
INSECT PEST CONTROL:		
Wages	214.70	
Spray	77.00	
Hired Equipment	408.00	699.70
DUTCH ELM:		
Wages	702.90	
Hired Equipment	497.00	1,199.90
TREE WARDEN:		
Association Dues	7.00	
Supts. Wages	451.50	
All other wages	464.00	
Hired Equipment	356.50	
Maple Trees	150.00	1,429.00
FOREST FIRES:		
Wages	1,597.05	1,597.05
WIRE INSPECTOR		
Salary		300.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
Printing & Supplies	87.00	
Wages	118.00	205.00

DOG OFFICER		1,074.50
Expense:		
Wages	3.00	
All other	45.85	48.85
HYDRANT SERVICE		2,000.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Director, Salary		225.00
Expense:		
Office Supplies	1.19	
Mileage to meetings	13.72	14.91
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	18.00	
Agent's Salary	425.00	
Agent's Expense	204.00	
Printing & Postage	42.75	
Meat Inspector	4.00	
Sanitizing at Town Beach	137.25	
Films	3.78	
Bulldozing	24.00	
Polio Clinic	221.85	
Stamp & Dates	3.40	
Animal Inspector	300.00	
Mileage	80.08	
Clerical	60.50	
Mimeographs	2.00	
Telephone	6.85	
Pest Control	48.00	
Carbola	17.88	
Board Meeting Dinners	39.50	1,638.84
TOWN DUMP:		
Caretaker's Wages	450.00	
Bulldozing	297.00	
All other wages	54.30	
Gravel	16.50	
Pest Control	24.00	841.80

SEWER COMMISSIONERS, Salaries		350.00
SEWER MAINTENANCE:		
Expense:		
S. W. Wheeler, Services	25.00	
Wages	891.13	
Material	882.39	
Hired Equipment	277.80	
Sewer Disposal	2,085.30	
Telephone	3.86	
Clerical	6.25	
Engineering Services	1,046.48	5,218.21
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81		
Wages	13,021.20	
Insurance	767.56	
Town Equipment	5,556.40	
Hired Equipment	2,987.60	
Material	4,410.20	
SNOW		
Wages	1,541.20	
Insurance	72.08	
Equipment	2,672.85	
Salt & Sand	1,838.31	32,865.40
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C		
Wages	3,612.80	
Town Equipment	189.00	
Hired Equipment	8,646.25	
Cartage	3.30	
Material	15,704.22	
Blue Prints	7.20	
Cutting Pipe	4.00	
Kerosene	24.66	
Signs	36.00	
Paint	9.88	28,237.31
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M		
Wages	2,826.05	
Town Equipment	1,150.05	
Hired Equipment	567.50	

Material	2,455.59	6,999.19

HIGHWAYS, Chapter 782, Fuller St.

Wages	102.00	
Town Equipment	86.00	
Hired Equipment	406.25	
Material	130.34	
Remove Tree	125.00	849.59

HIGHWAYS, Chapter 782, Jensen St.

Wages	335.66	
Hired Equipment	691.25	
Town Equipment	228.20	
Material	724.96	1,980.07

HIGHWAYS, Chapter 782, Park St.

Wages	244.00	
Catch Basin	44.00	
Town Equipment	44.70	
Hired Equipment	89.00	
Material	3,768.30	
Drainage Layout	10.00	4,200.00

HIGHWAYS, STREETS

Wages	658.90	
Hired Equipment	302.10	
Signs	18.96	
Material	390.31	
Sweeping	282.00	
Snow Removal	79.75	
Remove Stumps	60.00	1,792.02

HIGHWAYS, BRUSH CUTTING

Wages	1,695.46	
Equipment	803.94	2,499.40

HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN STREET

Wages	324.70	
Hired Equipment	402.20	
Material	472.17	1,199.07

HIGHWAYS, COLD SPRING ROAD:

Wages	159.90	
Hired Equipment	616.50	
Material	424.26	1,200.66

HIGHWAYS, DRESSELL AVENUE:

Wages	291.05	
Hired Equipment	540.00	
Material	369.82	1,200.87

HIGHWAYS, GOLD STREET

Wages	229.85	
Hired Equipment	507.50	
Material	462.62	1,199.97

HIGHWAYS, GULF ROAD

Wages	452.00	
Hired Equipment	737.50	
Material	411.22	1,600.72

HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM STREET

Wages	335.25	
Hired Equipment	529.10	
Material	336.84	1,201.19

HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD STREET

Wages	48.60	
Hired Equipment	84.75	
Material	267.25	400.60

HIGHWAYS, RURAL ROAD:

Wages	425.30	
Hired Equipment	344.60	
Material	429.47	1,199.37

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

Wages	189.90	
Hired Equipment	636.50	
Material	376.31	1,202.71

HIGHWAYS, WARREN WRIGHT STREET

Wages	487.40	
Hired Equipment	397.00	
Material	315.59	1,199.99

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES

Wages	478.30	
Lumber	614.84	
Guard Rails, Culverts, Etc.	1,367.29	
Hired Equipment	244.40	2,704.83

HIGHWAYS, Belchertown-Bondsville Bridge:

Wages	260.80	
Welding	332.00	
Cleaning & Painting	501.75	
Metal Planks	1,933.00	
All other Material	1,510.64	4,538.19

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS

Wages	166.80	
Snow Removal	18.00	
Material	40.20	225.00

HIGHWAYS, Purchase of ½ Ton Truck		1,700.00

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL

Wages	3,561.45	
Hired Equipment	1,639.65	
Plowing Parking Lot, Sidewalks, etc.	706.00	
Salt & Sand	8,432.49	
Cutting edges	450.64	14,790.23

HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINE EXPENSE

Association Dues	2.00	
Wages	26.40	
Brockway Repairs	879.78	
Sander #1 Repairs	514.17	
Sander #2 Repairs	161.90	
Grader Repairs	570.35	
Ford Repairs	193.70	
Tractor-Loader Repairs	197.87	

Dodge Repairs	30.14	
Pickup Repairs	73.67	
Oil & Gas	342.96	
Batteries	38.80	
Tires & Chains	135.33	
Cutting edges	218.97	
Registration of Vehicles	27.00	
State Inspection	10.50	
Anti freeze	30.99	
Mobil Oil Co.	1,952.05	
State Tax on Diesel Oil	100.00	
Telephone	8.90	
Misc. Hardware & Hand Tools	100.80	
Fuel	159.83	
Miscellaneous	10.09	5,779.44
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		7,183.16
FEDERAL GRANTS:		
O. A. A.	19,547.71	
M. A. A.	5,540.73	
A. D. C.	3,959.86	
D. A.	980.51	30,028.81
BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT		1,532.66
BOARD OF WELFARE, Salaries		425.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:		
Assistance	23,844.05	
Law	38.25	23,882.30
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
Agents Salary	300.00	
Ordinary Benefits	2,352.64	
Fuel	172.30	
Medication	224.15	
Medical Doctor	114.00	
Dentist	76.00	
Hospital	404.00	
Optician	6.00	3,649.09

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL		
Superintendent's Salary	7,310.66	
Superintendent's Expense	939.87	
Superintendent's Travel	333.60	
Secretary, Salary	3,715.46	
Clerical	2,057.72	
Law Enforcement	34.60	
School Committee Expense	147.10	14,539.01
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	215,897.14	
Substitutes' Salaries	2,544.62	
Teachers' Expense	6,225.56	
Classroom Expense	6,628.16	
Textbooks	6,443.96	237,739.44
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION:		
Janitors' Salaries	18,328.02	
Janitors' Supplies	7,389.63	
Fuel	6,056.60	31,774.25
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS		5,895.66
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION		39,505.68
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MISCELLANEOUS		2,857.67
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY		2,108.59
SMITH HUGES-GEORGE BARDEN FUND		140.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH		
Nurse's Salary	4,569.21	
Substitute Salary	94.00	
Nurse's Travel	440.00	
School Physician Salary	500.00	
Medical Supplies	168.55	
Postage	14.00	
Nurse to Conference	13.80	
Drawer for File	34.25	
Repairs to Glasses	12.67	5,846.48
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Director's Salary	6,061.88	
Janitor's Salary	515.00	

Repair to Sewing Machine	12.30	
Fuel	411.37	
Lights	151.27	
Equipment	10.30	
Burner Service	157.12	
Food Supplies	99.93	
Evening Practical Arts	24.00	
Attendance to Conference	16.60	
Teenage Books	9.35	
Miscellaneous	11.71	7,480.83
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		1,838.87
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, RENTAL		2,400.00
PUBLIC LAW #874		14,546.95
PUBLIC LAW # 85-864 Title V		235.20
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		785.68
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	12,616.60	
Transportation	4,784.14	17,400.74
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE		
Architects Fee	2,500.00	
Law	250.00	
Dinner Meetings	11.20	
Postage	47.84	
Trips to Boston by Committee	77.90	2,886.94
NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:		
Expense:		
Architect	53,645.55	
Postage	25.55	
Telephone	68.23	
Advertising	1,893.54	
Blue Prints	9.00	
Trip to Boston	21.33	
Clerk of Works	2,375.00	
Contractor	193,622.60	
State St. Bank & Trust Co., service	2,409.71	
Rubber Stamp & Supplies	13.80	254,084.31

SCHOOL LUNCH		
Salaries & Wages	17,859.79	
Food Transportation	258.00	
Food Bills	25,637.71	
All other bills	3,063.34	46,818.84
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Wages	1,364.69	
Mileage	12.80	
Lights	116.68	
Fuel	456.22	
Books & Periodicals	1,377.05	
Printing & Postage	9.20	
New Wiring	1,688.57	
Cartage	13.44	
Floor Wax	24.75	5,063.40
PARSONS FIELD		
Mowing	144.00	
Bulldozing	145.00	
Lights	22.50	311.50
TOWN COMMON		
Lights	22.21	
Mowing	127.00	
Fertilizer	3.30	
Snow Brooms	24.55	177.06
SUMMER RECREATION		
Wages	32.50	
Swimming Instructor	150.00	
Police Officer	45.00	
Fence at Beach	520.00	747.50
TOWN BEACH BATHHOUSE		2,498.45
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES		165.58
VETERANS' DAY SERVICES		57.00
APPROPRIATION FOR RETIREMENT		7,670.50
INSURANCE		10,620.57
TOWN CLOCK		150.00
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		1,214.31

UNCLASSIFIED:		
Printing, Mimeograph Supplies	242.40	
Title Search & Field Survey	169.00	411.40
CEMETERIES:		
Commissioners Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Office Supplies	28.93	
Wages	2,087.20	
Hired Equipment	203.13	
Opening & Filling Graves	195.00	
Mowing	1,607.34	
Removing Rubbish	25.00	
Snow Removal	118.00	
Fill & Fertilizer	163.00	
Water Rent	12.00	
Hardware & Hand Tools	19.66	
Paint & Linseed Oil	52.59	
Rail Fence, Safety Catch & Chain	227.97	
New Equipment	96.89	
Miscellaneous	1.00	4,837.71
T. B. HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT		3,821.60
STABILIZATION FUND		5,000.00
STATE RECREATION AREAS		2,238.26
INTEREST:		
General Loans	4,570.00	
Temporary Loans	1,432.50	6,002.50
MATURING DEBT:		
General Debt	22,000.00	
Temporary Loans	200,000.00	222,000.00
TRUST FUNDS:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman	474.01	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	30.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	700.00	
War Memorial	24.00	
Calvin Bridgman Library	319.11	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	75.00	1,622.12

AGENCY:		
Sporting Licenses	3,363.25	
Dog Licenses	1,381.25	4,744.50
COUNTY TAX		13,777.09
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Federal Withholding	46,639.36	
Retirement	4,174.72	
State Withholding	4,055.84	
Hospital Service	6,805.10	
Group Life Insurance	1,289.34	62,964.36
REFUNDS:		
Current year Taxes	886.00	
Previous year Taxes	218.25	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	3,698.17	
1963 Sewers	30.00	
Special Assessments	1.90	
Farm Animal	70.12	
Hospital Service	9.31	4,913.75
		$1,294,105.81
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1963		$1,029,585.34
		$2,323,691.15

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

PARSONS FIELD

This year, as in the past, Parsons Field has had a busy season. Not all of these activities were beneficial to the town. The drinking fountain had to be replaced due to vandalism. The new foundation for the fountain has been completed and we expect to finish this project in 1964. The fireplace has been removed, also because of vandalism.

The committee wishes to remind all those using the field to keep from destroying or damaging any property on the field, a reminder that the field is a part of the town, and all should use it as their own, and keep others from causing damage. With the help of all concerned, Parsons Field is a great help to all youngsters of the town, as a playground for social and physical activities, and also could be used by any organization in town for outdoor activities or for family get-togethers.

TOWN BEACH

The swimming program was carried out again this year by a resident of this town, Mrs. Patricia Staples, who did a very fine job.

The Recreation Committee, along with the Town Beach Committee, urges all concerned to take pride in keeping the beach and the area around it clean. Barrels have been placed for refuse, and are kept empty by the Highway Department.

With a new year ahead and the continued cooperation of both the Summer Recreation Committee and the Town Beach Committee, much improvement can be made at the beach.

See the report of the Town Beach Committee for the coverage of the activities at the beach, other than those mentioned here.

The Summer Recreation Committee wishes to express their thanks to all for their cooperation thrughout the year, and hope the next year will be another bright one for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE
WILLARD YOUNG, SR.

Report of Planning Board

The Planning Board has had a very busy year. Unfruitful as many of its efforts may have been, considerable progress has been made. In addition to its monthly meetings, eight Public Hearings for zoning changes were held. Two changes were approved at Town Meeting, and one dis-approved. One was withdrawn by the petitioner, and four dis-approved by the board. Preliminary work has been started on several sub-divisions and tentative approval given, subject to Board of Health approval, on one sub-division involving approximately forty (40) dwellings. Improvements for the betterment of the Town are still to be worked out on the others. By proper initial layout, much future expense and many problems may be eliminated when the Town accepts the new street.

I believe this board has had good cooperation from most every board and office in town. Many of the problems this board faces are joint problems in that it involves water, sewer, health, or some action involving the Town Clerk's Office. These people are to be complimented. Our Planning Consultant, Mr. Bacon, has proven most valuable in steering us through the legal maze which surrounds the State regulations governing Planning Boards.

At the recommendation of Mr. Bacon, early in the year this board authorized its Chairman to approve certain sub-division plans. This has expidited routine matters and relieved the board of what constituted a nuisance. Since this board has been an unpaid board, and the bulk of the work falls on the Chairman and Clerk, we have recommended a small salary be given these people.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
Chairman

Report of Town Clerk

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETINGS

ACTION TAKEN AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 1963

Meeting opened at 7.25 P. M.—Moderator, Henry Renouf
Voters present—192
Quorum Required—25

Art. 1. Elected, Sophia Pero and Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; George Poole as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town, as printed in the town report; with the exception of the report of the Finance Committee.

The following committees were discharged following the verbal report to the meeting; Regional Vocational Planning Committee, and the Town Beach Committee.

The War Memorial Committee presented its annual report to the meeting a copy being filed.

On motion to the Moderator and with the consent of the meeting, the following was admitted to the records of the meeting:

"Resolution on the passing of Dr. James Lounsbury Collard"
(Vote under article two (2) including all parts and items, unanimous Yes)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate the 1962 Dog license refund account in the amount of $551.62 to the Clapp Memorial Library Account. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00

and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $28,325.00 for Chapter 81 Highways. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highways Construction for 1963. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance for 1963. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the following elected persons to appoint themselves to work in their various departments, during the ensuing year in amounts not in excess of—Assessors, $2.00; Cemetery Commissioners, $1.50; Sewer Commissioners, $1.75; and Tree Warden $1.75 per hour. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1963, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Two-third vote required (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 9. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $866.11 to the Insurance Account. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 10. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of $630.00 from the "Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund" and that the said sum be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners, for the improvement and maintenance of Mt. Hope Cemetery. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 12. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by rezoning from the Agricultural District to the Industrial District a portion of the property owned by Francis P. and Emma D. Loftus located along the southerly side of Springfield Road as shown on the official Zoning Map. Two-third vote required (Vote—unanimous)

Art. 13. Two-third vote required (Rejected—84 No, 59 Yes)

Art. 14. Voted to establish an Advisory Committee on Home Rule for the purpose of examining the state-local relations and of reporting thereon to the Selectmen from time to time, and further, that the sum of $25.00 be appropriated for this purpose. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $140.00 for the installation of street lights at each of the following locations:

1. On pole #3—Gulf Road and Amherst Road, Route 9 (3,500) Lumens)
2. On pole #19—Corner of North St. & Warren Wright Road (1,000 Lumens)
3. On pole #116—Federal and Orchard Sts. (1,000 Lumens)
4. On pole #129—Corner of Old Rte. 9 & Warren Wright Rd. (1,000 Lumens)
5. On pole #146—Front of Dwight Chapel, Federal St. (1,000 Lumens) (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for the installation of 1,000 Lumen Lamps on poles numbered 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 on Poole Road. (Majority—Yes)

Art. 17. (Rejected, Majority vote—No)

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Shea Avenue	
Railroad Street	$400.00
George Hannum Street	1,200.00
Boardman Road	1,200.00
South Washington Street	1,200.00
Dressel Avenue	1,200.00
Gold Street	1,200.00
Warren Wright Street	1,200.00
Rural Road	1,200.00
Gulf Road	1,600.00
Cold Spring	1,200.00

and further move that the petition on Shea Avenue be tabled. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 19. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, of the General Laws, Section 8C, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint a conservation commission; and the provisions of said Chapter 40, Section 5, clauses (51) and (50), providing for the operation and maintenance, of said conservation commission; and the Board of Selectmen are hereby directed, within thirty days of the acceptance of this article, by vote of the town meeting, to appoint a conservation commission composed of seven members; and the conservation commission so established is hereby authorized to expend the sum of $50.00 for the purpose of the law. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 20. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $1,700.00 to be expended for the purchase of a ½ ton pick-up truck. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 21. Voted the sum of $4,200.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Park Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of 4,200.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 22. Voted the sum of $2,000.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Jensen St., and to meet said appropriation the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 23. Voted the sum of $850.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Fuller Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $850.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,500.00 to be used in conjunction with funds provided by the town of Palmer to reconstruct the Belchertown-Bondsville bridge. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the construction of a bath house at the town beach. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 26. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended: and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, by general classification, as recommended in the Finance Committee's report and further that those sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer, boards, and committees of the town and further that the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Fund. (See itemized list of appropriations) (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 27. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $5,000.00 and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote—unanimous Yes)

Art. 28. Voted to adjourn at 9.25 P. M.

ATTEST:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 1963

1.—No appropriation		
2.—No appropriation		
3.—Clapp Memorial Library		551.62
4.—Highways, Chapter 81	4,500.00	28,325.00
5.—Highways, Chap. 90 Construction	6,000.00	18,000.00
6.—Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	6,000.00
9.—Insurance Account		866.11
10.—Road Machinery Expense Account		3,000.00
11.—Mt. Hope Cemetery		630.00
14.—Home Rule Committee	25.00	
15.—Street light additions	140.00	
16.—Street light additions	150.00	
18.—Highways to be improved:		
Gold Street	1,200.00	
Warren Wright Street	1,200.00	
Rural Street	1,200.00	
Gulf Road	1,600.00	
Cold Spring Road	1,200.00	
George Hannum Street	1,200.00	
Boardman Road	1,200.00	
South Washington Street	1,200.00	
Dressell Avenue	1,200.00	
Railroad Street	400.00	
19.—Conservation commission	50.00	

20.—Purchase of ½ ton pickup truck		1,700.00
21.—Park Street, construction (782 Acts of '62)		4,200.00
22.—Jensen Street, construction (782 Acts of '62)		2,000.00
23.—Fuller Street, construction (782 Acts of '62)		850.00
24.—Belchertown-Bondsville bridge	5,500.00	
25.—Town Beach bathhouse	2,000.00	
27.—Stabilization fund		5,000.00
26.—Reserve Fund (Appropriated from Overlay Reserve)		5,000.00
26.—(Items 1 thru 43)		
General Government—Item:		
1.—Moderator expense	25.00	
2.—Finance Committee Expense	90.00	
3.—Selectmen:		
Salary, Chairman	575.00	
Salary, Member	500.00	
Salary, Member	500.00	
Expenses	750.00	
4.—Town Accountant:		
Salary	1,000.00	
Expenses	75.00	
5.—Town Treasurer		
Salary	1,900.00	
Expenses	1,131.00	
6.—Town Clerk		
Salary	900.00	
Expenses	617.00	
7.—Collector		
Salary	2,200.00	
Expenses	1,626.00	
8.—Assessors		
Salary, Chairman	500.00	
Salary, Member	400.00	
Salary, Member	400.00	
Expenses and wages	2,850.00	
9.—Law expenses	600.00	
10.—Elections and registrations	1,175.00	
11.—Planning Board expenses	1,000.00	
12.—Municipal Buildings		
Old Town Hall	1,250.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	2,000.00	
Town Garage	1,000.00	

Protection of persons and property.

13.—Police	9,674.00
14.—Fire	3,800.00
15.—Forest Fires	1,000.00
16.—Hydrant service	2,000.00
17.—Sealer of Weights and Measures	205.00
18.—Inspector of Wiring	300.00
19.—Civil defense	
Salary	300.00
Expenses	500.00
20.—Water storage holes (Fire)	300.00
21.—Tree Warden	
Wages and expenses	1,400.00
Insect pest control	700.00
Dutch Elm disease	1,200.00
22.—Board of Appeals	50.00
23.—Dog Officer expenses	60.00
24.—Board of Health	
Salary, Chairman	150.00
Salary, Other	100.00
Salary, Other	100.00
Expenses	1,720.00
25.—Sewer Commissioners	
Salary, Chairman	150.00
Salary, Other	100.00
Salary, Other	100.00
Expenses	4,700.00
26.—Town Dump	914.00
27.—Highways, General	4,300.00
28.—Bridges	2,700.00
29.—Snow Removal	10,000.00
30.—Sidewalks, Maintenance	200.00
31.—Street Lights	6,935.00
32.—Board of Public Welfare	
Salary, Chairman	175.00
Salary, Other	125.00
Salary, Other	125.00
Welfare District, assessment	1,532.66
Relief, OAA, MAA, ADC, DA	27,500.00
33.—Veterans' Agent	
Salary	300.00
Benefits and expenses	4,000.00

34.—Schools	
General Control	16,995.00
Instruction	237,763.00
Operation	31,905.00
Maintenance	6,000.00
Transportation	39,784.00
Health	5,870.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Household Arts	7,543.00
Capital Outlay	2,150.00
Library	2,000.00
Rental	2,400.00
Vocational Education	19,000.00
35.—Clapp Memorial Library	2,000.00
36.—Parsons Memorial Field	600.00
37.—Town Common	350.00
38.—Summer recreation, park and beach	750.00
39.—Cemeteries	
Salary, Chairman	150.00
Salary, Member	100.00
Salary, Member	100.00
General Care Expense	2,800.00
Soldiers' graves	200.00
40.—Pensions, town employees—Assessment from Hampshire County Retirement System	7,670.50
41.—Insurance	
General	9,262.00
Employees, health	4,164.00
Employees, life	741.00
42.—Memorial Day Services	200.00
Veterans' Day Services	60.00
Town Clock	150.00
Town Report	1,000.00
Misc. unclassified	450.00
43.—Maturing Debt	
Sewer loan	2,000.00
School loans	20,000.00
Interest payable 1963	
Sewer loan	475.00
School loans	4,095.00
Temporary loans of 1963 (Est.)	600.00

	$75,518.00	$76,122.73
Total to be Raised	$573,772.16	
Total appropriated from available funds		$76,122.73
Grand Total Voted by Town Meeting		$649,894.89

ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 1963

Art. 1. To hear the report of the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen pursuant to the vote adopted under Article 9 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held on December 23, 1961, and, if deemed advisable, to take action thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Thousand ($1,100,000.00) Dollars or any other sum for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Six-Year High School Building on the land owned by the Town and acquired for school purposes from Rachel A. Baker by a taking dated August 10, 1961; and to determine how the money shall be raised, whether by borrowing under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or otherwise; and to authorize the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen under the vote of the Town adopted at the Special Town Meeting of December 23, 1961, pursuant to Article 9 of the Warrant for said Meeting, to have full power and authority to make contracts for and to have charge and supervision of the construction and original equipping and furnishing of said school building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

EARL F. HENRICHON
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

True attested copies, Posted, Feb. 11, 1963
Ernest M. Gay, Constable

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 1963

Meeting opened at 7.38 P. M.—Moderator, Henry Renouf
Quorum Required—25
Quorum present at opening of meeting—in excess of 150 persons.

Art. 1. Voted to receive and hear the progress report of the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen, pursuant to the vote adopted under Article 9 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held on December 23, 1961; and further that the progress report of the School Building Committee be accepted and placed on file, but that the approval or disapproval of its recommendations be acted upon under Article two (2).

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 2. Voted, that the sum of One Million One Hundred Thousand ($1,100,000.00) Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Six-year High School Building on land owned by the Town and acquired from Rachel A. Baker for school purposes by a taking dated August 10, 1961; and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of $85,000.00 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen and Subject to the approval of the Emergency Finance Board, be and is authorized and directed to issue and sell at one time or from time to time, bonds or notes of the Town in the aggregate amount of One Million Fifteen Thousand ($1,015,000) Dollars in principal amount under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and that all of the bonds or notes shall be issued and sold in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, but each issue of bonds or notes shall be a separate loan and shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years from the date thereof; provided, however, that any accelerated construction grant received pursuant to Chapter 591 of the Acts of 1959, as amended, prior to the sale of all of the bonds or notes shall be applied to the cost of the project in lieu of the proceeds of said bonds or notes and the balance of the bonds or notes herein authorized shall be reduced accordingly; and That the School Building Committee appointed by the Selectmen under the vote of the Town adopted at the Special Town Meeting of December 23, 1961, pursuant to Article 9 of the Warrant for said meeting have full power and authority to make contracts for and have charge and supervision of the construction and original equipping and furnishing of said school building.

(Two-third vote required) YES - NO Ballots used, voters checked against the voters' lists.

(Vote—Yes 354, No 62)

Art. 3. Meeting adjourned at 10.17 P. M. Quorum present throughout.

ATTEST:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JULY 22, 1963

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 7A through 7D, of Chapter 58 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Agricultural to Business a parcel of land owned by Lewis Slate at the junction of Barrett and North Liberty Streets or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint an agent to enforce the zoning by-laws and issue building permits, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1963, the sum of $1,296.50 or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $3,821.60 to meet the Town's share of maintaing the Hampshire County Sanatorium or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of property of approximately ten (10) acres in area located on the Daniel

Shays Highway, deeded to the Town by Mildred Ward Neff and Forrest H. Ward or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

EARL F. HENRICHON
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

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Ernest M. Gay, Constable

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 22, 1963

Meeting opened at 7.34 P. M.—Moderator, Henry Renouf
Voters present—52
Quorum Required—25

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,500.00, to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 2. Voted to table.
(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 3. Voted to amend the "Zoning Map" of the Town of Belchertown, by changing from Agricultural district to Business district, the property owned by Lewis Slate at the junction of Barrett and North Liberty Streets as shown on the Zoning Map on display. (Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 4 Voted to postpone action on this article until the next Special Town Meeting, with the Board of Selectmen to obtain legal advice from the Town Counsel prior to the holding of said meeting.
(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $1,296.50, which amount has been received from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1963.
(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 6. Voted to table.
(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 7. Voted to accept the parcel of land of approximately ten (10) acres in the area located on the Daniel Shays Highway, deeded to the town by Mildred Ward Neff and Forrest H. Ward.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 8. Voted to adjourn at 7.56 P. M.

ATTEST:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available funds—Art. 1., $2,500.00; Art. 5., $1,296.50—Total $3,796.50

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 1963

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay for interest on temporary notes or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the former Union School property or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new dump truck for use by the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the insurance account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Agricultural to Business the property of Francis Loftus, Jr. and Bertha M. Loftus and formerly of Charles F. Austin, located on Ware Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain for the purpose of a sanitary sewer an easement in land from a point on the southerly side of Rte. 202 in said Belchertown and extending in a southerly direction across land of Robert N. Vanasse and land of Walter Paige Piper to Springfield Road and for the aforesaid purpose to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

EARL F. HENRICHON
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

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ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 1963

Meeting opened at 7.30 P. M.—Moderator, Henry Renouf

Voters present—39

Quorum Required—25

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $832.50, to pay for interest on temporary notes.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the former Union School property, with said Selectmen to advertise the sale of same for a period of Two (2) weeks in the local newspaper, prior to sale.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate the sum of Four Thousand ($4,000.00) Dollars from the Road Machinery Earnings Account and to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of Four Thousand ($4,000.00) Dollars to purchase a new dump truck for use by the Highway Department.

(Vote—Yes 37, No 2)

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $897.00 to the Insurance Account.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 5. Voted to amend the "Zoning Map" of Belchertown by changing from Agricultural District to Business District, the property owned by Francis Loftus, Jr. and Bertha M. Loftus, located on Ware Road, as shown on the Zoning Map. (Map shown and explained). (Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $1,500.00 to take by eminent domain for the purpose of a sanitary sewer an easement in land from a point on the southerly side of Route 202 in said Belchertown and extending in a southerly direction across land of Robert N. Vanasse and land of Walter Paige Piper to Springfield Road.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

ATTEST:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available funds—Art. 1., $832.50; Art. 3., $4,000.00; Art. 3., $4,000.00 (Road Machinery Earnings Account); Art. 4., $897.00; Art. 6., $1,500.00—Total $11,229.50

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 23, 1963

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for use by the Police Department to defray expenses for the balance of the year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used by the Highway Department for snow removal for the balance of the year or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unused portion of funds previously appropriated for the purchase of a truck to be used for the purchase of a snow plow and frame for use on the new truck or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to enlarge the membership of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members, and the members thereof shall be elected as follows, two (2) members for three (3) years and one (1) member for one (1) year, at the annual town election in 1964, two (2) members for three (3) years at the annual town election in 1965, and one (1) member for three (3) years at the annual town election in 1966; and thereafter each class shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to complete construction of the bath house at the Town Beach or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

EARL F. HENRICHON
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

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ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 23, 1963

Meeting opened at 7.30 P. M.—Moderator, Henry Renouf
Voters present—77
Quorum Required—25

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds, the sum of $1,400.00 for use by the Police Department to defray expenses for the balance of the year.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds, the sum of $2,500.00 to be used by the Highway Department for snow removal for the balance of the year.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 3. Voted to transfer $1,853.00, the unused portion of funds previously appropriated for the purchase of a truck to be used for the purchase of a snow plow and frame for use on the new truck.

(Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 4. Voted to enlarge the membership of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members and the members thereof shall be elected as follows: Two (2) mimbers for Three (3) years and One (1) member for One(1) year; at the annual town election in 1964; Two (2) members for Three (3) years at the annual town election in 1965; and one (1) member for Three (3) years at the annual town election in 1966; and thereafter each class shall be elected for a term of Three (3) years.

(Vote—Yes 39, No 30)

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate from available funds, the sum of $500.00 to complete construction of the bath house at the town beach. (Vote—unanimous YES)

Art. 6. Voted to adjourn at 7.59 P. M.

ATTEST:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available funds—Art. 1., $1,400.00; Art. 2., $2,500.00; Art. 3., $1,853.00; Art. 5., $500.00—Total $6,253.00

ANNUAL ELECTION, MARCH 4, 1963

Office	Name	Prec. A Votes	Pr. B	Total
Moderator				
	Henry Renouf	758	145	903
Town Clerk				
	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	835	155	990
Selectman				
	Walter Tolpa, Jr.	667	58	725
	Arthur Moriarty	249	137	386
	Donald E. Dunbar	1		1
Assessor				
	William F. Kimball, Jr.	599	112	711
	Harold B. Ketchen	299	55	354
Sewer Commissioner				
	Frederick E. Lincoln	826	136	962
School Committee (1 year)				
	David A. Staples	657	65	722
	John C. Carr	257	112	369
	Donald E. Dunbar	1		1
School Committee (3 years)				
	Arthur H. Brennen	500	121	621
	Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	513	86	599
	Andrew G. Ketchen	511	67	578
Tree Warden				
	Albert W. Brown	696	133	829
	Peter Hanifin	217	53	270

Board of Health			
George A. Smith, Jr.	641	96	737
James F. Hayward	238	65	303
Planning Board			
David H. White	556	48	604
Russell E. Robinson	346	124	470
Cemetery Commissioner			
Elwyn H. Bock	585	67	652
Richard K. Cook	327	108	435

Votes cast at Precinct A—927 Votes cast at Precinct B—198
(Absentee) Votes cast at Precinct A—3 Total Votes—1,128

Report of registered voters of Belchertown at the close of registration, February 11, 1963, 10:00 P. M.

	Men	Women	Total
Precinct A	757	784	1541
Precinct B	160	147	307
Totals	917	931	1848

Registered voters with party designation and independent

	Prec. A		Prec. B		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Republican	232	231	16	13	492
Democrat	128	115	48	43	334
Independents	397	438	96	91	1022
Totals	757	784	160	147	1848

ATTEST:
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman	1964
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY, Mrs.	1965
ARTHUR H. BRENNEN	1966
LLOYD CHADBOURNE	1966
DAVID A. STAPLES	1964

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

FRANK M. DUNN, JR. South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 323-6340

MAY ROSE DEWEY, Secretary Superintendent's Office
Telephone Residence: 323-6964

Supervising Principals

DONALD E. GEER Federal Street, Belchertown
Telephone - High School: 323-6941
Residence: 323-6266

JOHN A. DELL Jabish St., Belchertown
Telephone - Cold Spring: 323-7581
Telephone Residence: 323-7835

Meetings of School Committee

At 8:00 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month
In the Superintendent's Office in Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N. Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone - Cold Spring: 323-7581
Telephone Residence: 323-6370

School Physician

KENNETH L. COLLARD, M. D. N. Washington St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 323-7591

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence 323-7463

No School Signal

Four (4) Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

Your School Committee held forty-three (43) meetings during the year. This increase over last year and the past few years was due to many complex problems which arose during the year. In addition to the meetings individual members served as School Representatives on the following Committees: Summer Recreation, Old Town Hall and the Belchertown Junior-Senior High School Building.

A major change in the complexion of this elected body took place in March with the increase in membership. We, as a Committee, know that a five (5) member board will function effectively in our growing Community.

The citizens of Belchertown placed their best foot forward on the stormy evening last February by voting approval to the proposal of the School Building Committee to construct a new Junior-Senior High School Building.

The aggravated problem of overcrowded elementary classrooms was solved temporarily with the lease of one additional room in the Methodist Church Educational Building. The furniture and other school equipment purchased for these classrooms will be transferred to the elementary school building upon completion of the new Jr.-Sr. High School. The Committee is very grateful for the cooperation of the Methodist Church in making available these five (5) classrooms.

The cost of Education increases year after year, however, it is not only a local problem but a national one. To date, a financial program for education designed to relieve the burden on local property owners has not been enacted at either the State or Federal level. The present State Aid to Education formula was drafted several years ago and certainly should be up-dated.

To offset some increased costs the Committee used Public Law 874 funds to pay for a portion of the school program; during the year $8,458.00 was received from the Federal Government added to the January 1, 1963 balance, and from the total balance some $14,546.95 was expended. The rental of elementary classrooms, high school guidance and a subsidy for the school lunch program were the major items financed by this money.

In June 1963 Mrs. Bernard Bowler retired after many years of faithful and rewarding service. Mrs. Bowler, a graduate of Belchertown High School and Westfield Normal School began her teaching career in Palmer, Massachusetts. In 1942 she accepted a position at Liberty School transferring later to Center School where she completed her service. The Community wishes Mrs. Bowler many joyous years of retirement.

In August, Mr. Richard Blazo resigned as Elementary Supervisor. The Committee reviewed applications for the position and selected candidates were interviewed. Mr. John Dell of Natick, Mass., who has a fine background, and teaching experience at the elementary level was selected.

In August, Mr. Carl J. Peterson resigned as Superintendent of Schools to accept a position at Westfield State College. Mr. Peterson began his teaching career in Belchertown and subsequently after filling teaching, supervisory and administrative positions in the local schools, the Ware-Belchertown Union, and the Barre, Hardwick, Petersham Union, he was elected Superintendent in 1953. During his administration the Cold Spring Elementary School was planned and constructed, and the educational specifications and building plans for the new Junior-Senior High School completed. In accepting Mr. Peterson's resignation the Committee, on behalf of the community, presented him with a plaque expressing appreciation for the years of faithful service.

The Committee after weeks of screening and interviewing personnel came to the unanimous choice of Mr. Frank M. Dunn, Jr., of the Sherbon-Dover School System as the Superintendent of the Belchertown Public Schools. Mr. Dunn's educational background and experience and ability will be an asset to our community.

The Committee appreciate the cooperation of all who have assisted in the constant improvement of our School System and building program in this vital era.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $436,030 for the running of the Schools during 1964, and for the Vocational Educational Program the sum of $22,580.

PROPOSED BUDGET, 1964

General Control	$18,525.00	
Instruction	288,239.00	
Operation of Schools	55,078.00	
Maintenance	9,876.00	
Transportation	40,865.00	
Health	6,685.00	
Miscellaneous	3,350.00	
Household Arts	7,913.00	
Capital Outlay	3,841.00	
Library	1,658.00	
		$436,030.00

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 10, Chapter 70, Acts of 1948 of the General Laws the Belchertown School Committee includes the following estimate of anticipated receipts in 1964:

Group A		
1. School Aid (Chapter 70)	$53,070.13	
2. Transportation	32,901.40	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Education	1,836.61	$91,141.47
Group B.		
1. Tuition & Transportation (St. Wards)	8,315.59	8,315.59
		$99,457.06
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$336,572.94

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD WILLEY, Chairman
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY
ARTHUR H. BRENNEN
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE
DAVID A. STAPLES

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

In my capacity as Acting Superintendent of Schools I herewith submit a brief report to maintain the continuity of these reports and also to refer to an educational program not included in the Principals' Reports.

Each year more students who complete the eighth grade consider and in many instances avail themselves of the vocational training opportunities that area vocational high schools provide. Girls have not participated due to the difficulties inherent in securing satisfactory transportation and because of the local two-year state-aided household arts program. However, during the past year two girls did attend vocational school for their secondary education whereas, formerly, girls were enrolled only in the post-graduate programs; such as, hairdressing and practical nursing.

The completion of the new high school building and the resulting broadening of the local secondary curriculum may reverse some of the trend toward higher enrollments in the vocational schools. It must be borne in mind, however, that the educational purpose of the shop and home economics programs in the comprehensive high school is not to prepare skilled tradesmen. One decided value of the junior high shop program will be its exploratory nature which will serve as a guidance factor in determining adaptability for a vocational school.

The interest of the State Department of Education in furthering the study of Regional Vocational Schools should be matched locally by active discussion on the merits and advantages of participation in schools projected for this region.

In conclusion I wish to thank the School Committee for the confidence in my ability and efforts to administrate the school system during the interim between superintendents and for the wonderful cooperation received from all departments.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER
Acting Superintendent

Report of Secondary Schools Supervising Principal

BELCHERTOWN JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Belchertown, Massachusetts

January 27, 1964

The second annual report of the principal of the secondary grades 7 - 12 is herein submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1963 was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	44	43	87
Grade 8	43	34	77
Grade 9	32	43	75
Grade 10	37	33	70
Grade 11	25	25	50
Grade 12	28	24	52
Total	209	202	411

During the year the Guidance Office continued its responsibilities to the school and the students through a continuing counselling program on the pupils' needs, desires, plans, etc. Most of the tangible results are recorded in the plans and programs of the graduating class of June, 1963. There were 43 who received diplomas and 26, or over 60%, began further schooling this past September.

Three girls chose to pursue careers in nursing: Linda Crisafulli at Burbank Hospital at Fitchburg, Barbara Alden at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, and Lorraine Daigle at Providence Hospital in Holyoke. Two others chose post-high training at Springfield Trade High School; Elaine Tetrault in the Dental Assisting Division and Sharyn Cook studying IBM Programming.

Gary Gentile, Michael Sroka, and Kenneth Hale matriculated to the Stockbridge School at the University of Massachusetts. Also, entering the University of Massachusetts to pursue degrees were Russell Bergeron, Francis Carmody, Leonora Mullane, Frank Pietryka, Dexter Ketchen, William Krause, Thomas Krol and Lee Lamoureux. Two girls entered American International College, Anne Marie Dupuis and Susan Shattuck. Carl Theroux and Byron Hawkins began studies at Western New England College. Donald Kempkes is at the State College at Bridgewater and Patricia Hayward commenced courses at the State College at Westfield. William and Carol Fielder chose colleges in Kentucky; Carol is at Berea and William is at Union. Barbara Marshall enrolled at Florida Southern at Lakeland, Florida. Linda Piper continued her courses leading to an Airline's career at the Atlantic School at Hartford, Connecticut; Veronica Hebert began a hairdressing program at the Kay-Harvey Academy in Springfield. Daniel Dobson is at the Vesper George School of Art in Boston preparing for a career in design.

Graduation exercises were conducted in the auditorium at the Belchertown State School for the first time. The facilities in this building contributed a great deal to the atmosphere of the annual program.

Personnel changes at the Junior High School during the past year included the retirement of Mrs. Bernadette Bowler and the resignation of Mr. Joseph Sheehan who is pursuing Graduate work at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Collon Norcross and Mrs. Jane Card were appointed as their replacements.

At the High School Mr. Ronald LeBlanc replaced Mrs. Barbara Kelly, teacher of French. Mr. Eloi Laramee replaced Mr. Louis Verani, Business Teacher, and Mrs. Joan Clark was added to the English staff.

The music program included exchange concerts with Pioneer Regional High School of Northfield visiting Belchertown and Belchertown visiting Narragansett Regional of Templeton.

Jane Peterson, Susan Miner, Patricia Very, Susan Hussey, Patricia Menard, John Carpenter, James Carpenter, David Papp, Michael Mathras, Dorothy DeWitt and Joseph Lemire were selected for participation in the District Chorus at East Longmeadow.

Jane Peterson, David Papp and Joseph Lemire were selected to audition for the All-State chorus at New Bedford. Jane Peterson was selected for this honor for the third consecutive year.

The School Band and Glee Club auditioned at the Annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival at Wilbraham in May. The Band also presented a public concert in the spring in addition to participating in the program on Memorial Day, October 12, and Veterans' Day, November 11. In June the Band participated in the Bicentennial parade at Wilbraham. Judy Dewhurst was selected to participate in the District Band at East Longmeadow and to audition for the All-State Band.

In September curriculum changes were made in an attempt to strengthen areas where additional course offerings were needed. A course in clerical practice was added for seniors and a general math program for sophomores. In the science department a modern approach to teaching biology was introduced. The program known as the Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS) is being given to the freshman in the advance placement group.

The athletic program at the Junior and Senior High level includes basketball and baseball. The Junior High program includes an intramural soccer program.

The High School is proud of its basketball team which completed a very successful 17 and 3 season by winning the Tri-State Tournament at Turners Falls.

The Household Arts program under the direction of Mrs. Florence Jackson was varied slightly this year. The grade 9 and 10 classes were combined and have received a program consisting of homemaking, home management, tailoring and nutrition. These areas include room arrangement, selection of home location, good housekeeping techniques, making decisions and planning, arranging for good family atmosphere, good grooming and planning and preparation of nutritious meals.

Although a great deal remains to be resolved before the 1964-1965 school year begins, we are looking toward the opening of the new high school with anticipation. Plans are being made to develop those areas of the curriculum which have not been included in the past. These include Industrial Arts, Art and Physical Education. It is also strongly advised that a full-time librarian be appointed to help develop and conduct this very necessary area of the school's activity.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER, *Principal*
Belchertown Junior-Senior High Schools

Report of Elementary Schools Supervising Principal

January 20, 1964

Mr. Frank Dunn
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Dunn:

I herewith submit my first report as Principal of the Belchertown Elementary Schools:

The enrollment by grades in the Belchertown Elementary Schools on September 4, 1963 is shown below:

Grade	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*
1	48	55	103
2	44	59	103
3	58	48	106
4	56	41	97
5	43	37	80
6	47	46	93
	296	286	582

At present, we have three third grades and two fourth grades with Mrs. Emma Loftus as Head Teacher in the education wing of the Methodist Church.

Franklin School has one first grade, a combination second and third grade, and a combination third and fourth grade with Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald as Head Teacher.

At the Cold Spring School we have three first grades, three second grades, one fourth grade, three fifth grades, and three sixth grades.

New members of the faculty for the 1963-1964 school year are:

Mr. Alan Hurlburt	Grade Six
Mrs. Mary Lou Ismail	Grade Two
Mrs. Mildred White	Grade Four

In October, the Iowa Tests of Basis Skills were administered to all pupils in grades three through six. The Iowa Tests provide for comprehensive measurement of the fundamentals of vocabulary, reading, the mechanics of correct writing, methods of study, and arithmetic. The primary purpose of the test is to reveal how well each pupil has mastered the basic skills.

This is the second year in which all elementary schools in Belchertown are under one supervising principal. Budget requirements, curriculum development, grade marking evaluation, discipline and other general operations are now in the process of becoming a uniform timesaving structure.

The Belchertown Elementary Schools have developed a spirit of mutual cooperation with the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State Teachers College in our student teaching program.

New approaches to the teaching of Arithmetic, English, Reading, Social Studies and Science are being evaluated so that the Belchertown Elementary Schools may offer the best possible in educational growth.

Grades five and six were departmentalized last year and are continuing to operate under this system. This program has received attention from educators throughout the Commonwealth. Preliminary studies of this program indicate potential improvement in all subject areas.

It is planned that pupils will continue to have materials as up-to-date as possible. This includes such items as textbooks, workbooks, audio-visual aids and testing programs.

We have been trying to carry on a physical education program despite the lack of a full-time physical education instructor.

Art is an important part of the school's curriculum as it affords the child an opportunity for self-expression. Although we do not have an art instructor, the teachers have been sharing techniques and ideas within the grades. It is hoped that we may have a full-time art instructor in the near future.

A definite need in the elementary schools is a program in remedial reading. We have many children who would benefit by the diagnostic and directive services of a remedial reading instructor, in the correction of reading difficulties.

Our music department has been hampered by time limitations and a large number of students, without a full-time music instructor. Our schools need a full-time music instructor because music is another important part of the school's total curriculum.

The Parent-Teachers Association has played an active role in school activities. Their spirit of cooperation has given the elementary school children many additional worthwhile activties.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. DELL
Elementary Supervising Principal

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Frank M. Dunn, Jr., Supt.
Belchertown Public Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Dunn:

The School Health Program during 1963 has followed the same pattern as that of the previous year.

All students were measured and weighed. As required by law, annual Vision and Hearing tests on every pupil was conducted. Physical examinations by the School Physician, Dr. Kenneth Collard, was performed on students in the first, fourth seventh, eleventh grades and those participating in competitive sports. Parents were notified of any defects discovered and advised to have their family physician or specialist, as the case may be, follow through.

Although there is no formal Dental Program, students are encouraged to see the dentist regularly. Each pupil was given a dental card to be signed by his dentist and returned to us so that health records may be recorded accordingly. A film on feminine hygiene and proper grooming was shown to the girls in the 5th and 6th grades and mothers were invited to attend. The Red Cross Home Nursing course was taught to the sophomore girls as part of their Home Economic classes.

A number of Mumps and Chicken Pox cases continued into January and in the Spring quite a few cases of Flu type illnesses were reported. At present we are in the midst of a surge of German Measles, Chicken Pox, and Measles. Although the rule for obtaining a doctor's permission to re-enter school, after an absence of five days or more, was rescinded, the State Law still requires that a doctor's certificate must be obtained following a communicable disease. (Measles, German Measles, Chicken Pox, Mumps, or any other contagious condition.)

On May 14, 1963, Tuberculin testing (Tine Method) was done by Dr. Frederick Goodhue, Supt. of the Hampshire County Sanatorium, through the cooperation of Miss Vera Miller of the Hampshire County Public Health Association in Northampton. (Christmas Seals) This free service has been an annual practice and offered to the pupils in the 1st, 8th, 12th, grades and school personnel.

Jointly with the local Board of Health, Anti-Polio clinics were held in all our schools in January, March, and May, and a make-up clinic in June. Preschool children were taken care of at the Cold Spring School and Franklin School. A total of 2696 Sabin (Oral) "drinks" were dispensed.

Hesitatingly, if I may, mention the often used definition of HEALTH, which is the best and most concise manner of expressing it. "Health is a state of physical, Mental, and Social Well-being". A healthy attitude is so very important and the best way to achieve this is by starting when a child is very young. Often it reflects the attitudes of adults surrounding him. Frequently the question arises whether emotional disturbances are the cause or result of illness. This is an area where only professionally trained persons should undertake exploring or aiding such problems.

There wer a number of serious social problems which necessitated the enlisting of outside agencies. Local organizations also have given aid generously in many instances. I wish to thank everyone who in anyway helped the "good causes"; also wishing you the best and a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R. N.
School Nurse

School Financial Report

Classification of School Expenditures, 1963

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	147.10	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salaries		
Superintendent and Clerical	13,083.84	
Expenses - including in and out-of-state travel, office supplies and telephone	1,273.47	
Law Enforcement	34.60	
		$14,539.01
INSTRUCTION		
Teacher Salaries	218,537.14	
Teacher Expenses	5,843.58	
Instructional Supplies	13,358.72	
		237,739.44
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Custodial Service	18,334.02	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Water, Electricity and Fuel	13,564.23	
		31,898.25
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repair and Replacement	5,771.66	5,771.66
TRANSPORTATION	39,505.68	39,505.68
MISCELLANEOUS	2,857.67	2,857.67
HEALTH		
Salary and Expenses	5,846.48	5,846.48

HOUSEHOLD ARTS			
Salary and Expenses		7,480.83	7,480.83
CAPITAL OUTLAY		2,108.59	2,108.59
LIBRARY		1,838.87	1,838.87
RENTAL		2,400.00	2,400.00
Expenditures, 1963 Budget			$351,986.48
Expenditures			351,986.48
Special Available Funds			200.00
Total Cost of Schools			352,186.48
Receipts: 1963 Budget	355,410.00		
Available Funds	200.00	355,610.00	
Expenditures 1963 Total		- 352,186.48	
Balance Returned to the Town			3,423.52
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:			
A. School Aid (Chapter 70)	53,070.13		
Transportation	32,901.40		
Superintendent Reimb.	3,333.33		
Vocational Education (HA)	1,986.61		
Redistrib. Taxes (Ch. 71)	876.55	92,168.59	
		92,168.02	
B. Department Public Welfare (St. Wards)		8,315.59	
			100,483.61
Used from Available Funds			200.00
			100,683.61
Recapitulation			
Total Cost of Schools		352,186.48	
Offset to 1964 Taxes	100,483.61		
From Available Funds	200.00	100,683.61	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown—1963			$251,502.87
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown—1962			$221,499.35

Vocational Education Financial Report

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION		$19,000.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$6,656.78	
Tuition	10,743.96	17,400.74
Balance returned to Town		$1,599.26
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Transportation	1,899.00	
Tuition	5,714.21	7,613.21
Total Expenditures	17,400.74	
Reimbursement	7,613.21	
Actual Cost to Town		$9,787.53

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1963

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	79	80		28	80	93							360
Main St. (Annex)			86	53									139
Franklin School	24	20	21	18									83
Center School							87	77					164
High School									75	71	51	53	250
	103	100	107	99	80	93	87	77	75	71	51	53	996

92nd Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 13

1963

Belchertown State School Auditorium

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Barbara Mary Alden
JoAnne Christine Barrett
William Patrick Barry
Russell Normand Bergeron
Kenneth Rufus Capen
Francine Diane Carmody
Sharyn Ann Cook
Linda Rose Crisafulli
Robert Franklin Cutting
Lorraine Eleanor Daigle
Kathleen Agnes Dunn
Ann Marie Dupuis
Richard William Ferenz
Carol Anne Fielder
William Roy Fielder
Gary Eugene Gentile
Frances Jean Goodrow
Kenneth Norman Hale
Byron Nelson Hawkins
Patricia Ann Hayward
Veronica Theresa Hebert
Carol Ann Hurd
Donald Joseph Kempkes
Dexter Fuller Ketchen
Jean Wilson Kilpatrick
Richard Norman Kimball
William Allen Krause
Thomas John Krol
Denise Lauray Labrecque
Lee Alan Lamoureux
William Roy Malmstedt
Barbara Ruth Marshall
Joan Genevieve May
Leonora Averill Mullane
Frank Joseph Pietryka
Linda Christine Piper
Susan Bryant Shattuck
Sandra Jean Shaw
Michael Edward Sroka
Elaine Rita Tetrault
Carl Edwin Theroux
Ronald Raymond Wheble
William Carl Zobka

PROGRAM

Processional		Jane Peterson Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Joseph T. Collins
Song:	"Abide With Me"	*William H. Mark*
Salutatory		Elaine Tetrault
Song:	"America Our Heritage"	*Helen Steele*
Valedictory		Lee Lamoureux
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Leonard Savigiano President State College at Westfield
Song:	"Cry Out and Shout"	*Knut Nystedt* *Jean Sibelius*
Scholarships		
P. T. A.		Mr. Russell Robinson
Nurses' Association		Miss Catherine Austin
Lions Club		Mr. James Joyal
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr. Memorial		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Student Council		
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Donald E. Geer Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Harold W. Willey Chairman School Committee
Song:	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	*Sy Miller &* *Jill Johnson*
Benediction		Rev. Marvin R. Green
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Jane Peterson

Belchertown Public School Directory

Frank M. Dunn, Jr.—Superintendent of Schools 1964
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian—School Nurse, R. N. 1954
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard—School Doctor, M. D. 1962
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. May Rose Dewey—Secretary to Superintendent Schools 1945
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Patricia Belmont—Clerk, Superintendent's Office 1962
Greene Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Clara Cook—Music Supervisor 1948
Bernardston, Massachusetts
Joseph Contino—Band Director and Instrumental Instructor 1956
50 Fairview Way, Amherst, Massachusetts
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing 1950
Waltham, Massachusetts
Mrs. Phyllis Mullane—Cafeteria Manager 1954
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
George M. Dewey—Head Custodian 1946
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

HIGH SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Secondary Supervising Principal 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Edward F. Burgess—Guidance Director 1961
114 Whitney Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruby Martin—Secretary 1959
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Walter F. Brown—Mathematics and Algebra 1962
8 Knightly Road, Hadley, Massachusetts
Mrs. Joan Clark—English and Economics 1963
Box 195, Sunderland, Massachusetts

Miss Barbar Ernest—Physics, Algebra, Science and Coach Girls' Softball 1960
Birch Hill Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Miss Madeline M. Fitzgerald—Commercial Department 1958
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Mrs. Florence Jackson—Household Arts and Jr. High Mathematics 1946
South Main Street, Belchertown, Mass.
Eloi Laramee—Commercial Dept., Mechanical Drawing and Mathematics 1963
15 Rock Hill Lane, Springfield, Massachusetts
Ronald R. LeBlanc—French, General Business, and Social Studies 1963
149 Seventh Street, Leominster, Massachusetts
James E. O'Leary—Social Studies, Basketball & Baseball Coach 1957
3 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—French and Biology 1956
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—Latin and English 1941
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—English 1957
Robin Farm, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Jerome P. Shea—Biology and Chemistry 1959
88 Westfield Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Gerald G. Tremaine—Mathematics, Civics, Driver Ed. 1952
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CENTER SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Secondary Supervising Principal
Mrs. Jane Card—English, Social Studies 1963
Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara G. Field—English, Mathematics and Head Teacher 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Collon Norcross—Social Studies and Mathematics 1963
Lombard Road, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts
Paul E. Paschetto—Mathematics, Science and English 1961
83 Clydsdale Lane, Springfield, Massachusetts
Miss Jane Wardwell—English and Social Studies 1962
27 Spaulding Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Paul J. Whitlock—Mathematics, Science, & Coach Baseball, Basket-

ball and Soccer 1960
221 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor M. Fitzgerald—Head Teacher, Grade 2 and 3 1931
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marilyn J. Hayward—Grade 1 1960
Michael Sears Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Carolyn L. Schott—Grade 3 and 4 1962
Gilbertville Road, Ware, Massachusetts

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

John A. Dell—Elementary Supervising Principal 1963
Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Barbara Boucher—Secretary to Principal 1962
Bardwell Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

GRADE I

Miss Bonta L. Falk 1961
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Mary Ann Flaherty 1962
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara H. Yanginski 1960
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

GRADE II

Mrs. Julia L. Corbin 1962
450 Amherst Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary Lou Ismail 1963
37 South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Miss Irene B. Orlando 1917
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

GRADE III

*Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fox 1962
Springfield Road, Palmer, Massachusetts
*Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams 1958
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
*Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen 1958
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

GRADE IV

Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson 1957
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
*Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Head Teacher 1948

Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusettts	
*Mrs. Mildred White Kimball Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1963

GRADE V

Mrs. Juanita A. Foor Sports Haven Trailer Park, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1962
Mrs. Georgia Atwood Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1962
Mrs. Madeline R. Lambert South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1924

GRADE VI

Mrs. Margaret T. Austin Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1954
Mrs. Mary M. Avery South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1960
Alan Hurlburt 139 Main Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts	1963

*Main Street School (Annex)

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

William F. Kimball, Jr.—N. Main St., Belchertown, Mass.	1950
Robert Welch—Sargent St., Belchertown, Mass.	1961
Charles H. Eskett—State St., Belchertown, Mass.	1962
Stanley Supzak—Depot St., Belchertown, Mass.	1963

CAFETERIA

Mrs. May Rose Dewey—Bookkeeper	1961
Mrs. Mable Depot—Worker	1961
Mrs. Mary Dunbar—Worker	1961
Mrs. Shirley Dzuris—Worker	1960
Mrs. Rose Lemire—Worker	1960
Mrs. Lois Lowe—Worker	1956
Mrs. Clara Skinner—Worker	1955
Mrs. Patricia Staples—Worker	1961
Mrs. Josephine Zobka—Worker	1957
Mrs. Mary Mathras—Worker, part-time	1963

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 4, 1963 — JUNE 19, 1964

1963

September 4, Wednesday—Schools open—beginning of school year Regular sessions will be held this day.

October 18, Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention

November 11, Monday—Schools closed—Veterans' Day

November 27, Wednesday—Schools closed—Jr. and Sr. High, 11:45; Elementary Schools, 12:30 P. M.

November 28, Thursday—November 29, Friday—Thanksgiving Vacation

December 20, Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Christmas Vacation begins.

1964

January 2, Thursday—Schools reopen

February 21, Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Midwinter Vacation begins.

March 2, Monday—Schools reopen

March 27, Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday

April 17, Friday—Regular sessions will be held. At close of school day Spring Vacation begins.

April 27, Monday—Schools reopen

June 15, Monday—Beginning of last week of school year—Elementary schools close at 12:30; Secondary schools at 11:45.

June 19, Friday—Schools close for Summer Vacation—End of the school year.

(185 days of school)

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2 AND 9, 1964

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday the second day of March, A. D., 1964, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Selectman, a Treasurer, a Tree Warden and an Assessor each for one (1) year; two (2) Selectmen, a Board of Health Member, a Sewer Commissioner, two (2) School Committee members, an Assessor, a Planning Board Member, and a Cemetery Commissioner each for three (3) years; one (1) Planning Board Member for four (4) years; and one (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the ninth day of March, A. D., 1964, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz :

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library account the dog license refund of 1963 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, Program of 1964, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Tree Warden	2.00 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1964, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Agriculture to Business a portion of the property owned by Herman Minkley near the junction of Liberty and Bardwell Streets and adjacent to land presently zoned Business along Liberty Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will petition the State Tax Commission for the installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7A of Chapter 58, of the General Laws or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the School Building Committee for completely furnishing and equipping the new Junior-Senior High School or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to diminish the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five (5) to three (3) members, and to effect said diminution within three (3) years, the members thereof shall be elected as follows: At the Annual Town Election in 1965 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years; at the Annual Town Election in 1966 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years; and at the Annual Town Election in 1967 one (1) member for a term of three (3) years; thereafter the said Board of Selectmen shall consist of three (3) members each of whose term shall be of three (3) years duration, and one (1) member shall be elected to said Board at each Annual Town Election after 1967, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to construct a storm sewer drain from the corner of Lot No. 30 on Fuller Street for a distance of 258 feet in an easterly direction and join the line on Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for the construction of an interceptor sewer to serve the Springfield Road-Three Rivers Road area and to construct street laterals, and to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to make application for a Federal Grant as a contribution towards the construction costs; and authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to use any Federal Grants received under such application for the purpose of the Grant, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of 1000 Lumen Lamps along Mill Valley Road beginning at Pole #25 and ending at Pole #68 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,750.00 to purchase six (6) acres of land, more or less, for cemetery purposes or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Kimball family and heirs, the land, approximately forty (40) feet by forty (40) feet, and cemetery known as the "Kimball-Shaw Cemetery" or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purchase of a new police cruiser or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1963 or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Health to Albelene Pest Control	$12.00
Town Dump to Joseph Tolpa	40.00
Town Dump to Belchertown Salvage Co.	38.50

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Eskett Road
George Hannum
Orchard Road
Boardman Road
Beach Road
Shea Avenue
So. Washington
Rural Road
Moore Road
Gold Street
Gulf Road
Bardwell Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for permanent construction on Bardwell Street beginning at the junction of North Liberty Street and running westerly therefrom or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, A. D., 1964.

Board of Selectmen
EARL F. HENRICHON
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS

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Annual Reports of the

TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1964

BELCHERTOWN · MASSACHUSETTS
COLD SPRING
OLD BAY ROAD
85
FOUNDED 1731 · INCORPORATED 1761

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown, formerly a plantation called Cold Spring, was incorporated in 1761. The name Belchertown came from Governor Jonathan Belcher, a colonial governor, 1730-1741, who owned land in this vicinity. The town, one of the largest in the state in area, is about 12 miles North to South and 5 miles East to West.

Several families were here as early as 1731 from Northampton, Hatfield and Hadley. By 1736 twenty families were here and in 1738 a church was built. Schools are mentioned in 1756.

Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, an early settler, was active in the French and Indian Wars and also in the Revolution when most of the male population marched to Cambridge on April 20, 1775.

A Post Office, the third in the county, was established in 1797.

The War of 1812, not being popular in New England, did not attract enlistments. Hampshire County furnished 4,500 men during the Civil War.

Many taverns and inns thrived during the first hundred years, as travel was slow over bridle paths or by ox cart, and frequent rests were necessary. The Great Road on the west side of the Common extended from Hadley to Brookfield, and stages were operated by a Mr. Clapp who owned a tavern in the center of Town.

The central part of the Common was given by Col. Elijah Dwight when he gave land for the church. Later the north and south ends were deeded in 1803.

A newspaper was printed here in 1826. In the early 1800's there was activity in manufacturing, carriages being a big business from 1837 to 1867. In 1845 articles manufactured were: iron implements, harnesses, chairs, cabinet work, bricks, boots, hats and marble monuments. Women in the homes wove palm leaf hats with material furnished by Amherst hat manufacturers. Many of the swift flowing brooks had mills along them run by early settlers.

A bank with a capital of $100,000 was established in 1825, but remained open only a few years.

Our library was given by John Francis Clapp, who was a descendant of the early stage route owner. Lawrence Memorial Hall is another gift to our Town, and at the Stone House one may see the early history of our town live again in furnished rooms and also in the Ford Annex filled with old time manufactured articles.

—Julia T. Shumway

Report of Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICERS

1964

ELECTED OFFICERS

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Byron A. Hudson		3-1-65
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-1-65
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Michael S. Mathras		3-6-67
William H. Squires, Jr.		3-6-67
Walter Tolpa, Jr.		3-7-66
Earl F. Henrichon		3-1-65
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.		3-1-65
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-6-67
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		3-1-65
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Harold W. Willey		3-6-67
David A. Staples		3-6-67
Arthur H. Brennen		3-7-66
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.		3-7-66
Phillis W. Flaherty		3-1-65
	PLANNING BOARD	
James F. Hayward		3-5-68
William H. Hennemann, Jr.		3-4-69
Donald S. Cole		3-6-67
George B. Jackson		3-7-66
Raymond V. Burke		3-1-65
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
David G. Hodgen		3-1-65
Lincoln A. Cook		3-6-67
Elwyn H. Bock		Resigned
Sidney T. Wheble, Jr.	(Appointed)	3-1-65

ASSESSORS

William F. Kimball, Jr.	3-7-66
Harold B. Ketchen	3-6-67
Doris S. Squires	3-1-65

SEWER COMMISIONERS

D. Donald Hazen	3-1-65
Frederick E. Lincoln	3-7-66
Harry L. Brougham	3-6-67

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	3-1-65

BOARD OF HEALTH

George A. Smith, Jr.	3-7-66
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	3-6-67
Catherine L. Austin, R. N.	3-1-65

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	3-1-65
Ernest M. Gay	3-1-65
Francis P. Loftus	3-1-65
Andrew T. Sears	3-1-65
Herbert E. Squires	3-1-65

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	3-1-65
Sophia M. Pero	3-1-65

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

D. Donald Hazen	3-6-67
George A. Poole	3-7-66
Lewis H. Blackmer	3-1-65

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Treasurer and Selectmen

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Margaret S. Kirby	7-16-65

Appointed by Board of Selectmen

(Terms expire 3-1-65 except those indicated)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey	12-1-67

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William G. Whitlock	3-1-65
Kenneth Thayer	3-1-65
Frederick E. Panzer	3-12-66
John W. Avery	3-1-67
Kenneth Main	3-1-67

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Roy G. Shaw	3-1-65
Laurina Brighenti	3-12-66
Rose A. Joyal	3-1-67

APPEALS BOARD

Henry Renouf	3-1-65
Joseph Tolpa	3-1-65
W. Ira Shattuck (Associate)	3-1-65
Donald Perham	3-1-67
Charles F. Howard (Associate)	3-1-67

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry
Merton L. Pratt

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Royal K. Gay

VETERANS' AGENT

Frank J. Kosiba
Sidney W. Wheeler Temporary

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown

DOG OFFICER

Barbara J. McCaughey

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Walter J. Henry, Jr.

GAS INSPECTOR

Delmore Lajeunesse

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR TOWN

Paul T. Ford, Attorney

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

John H. Reed

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Jack Hulmes, Jr.

FENCE VIEWER & FIELD DRIVER

Joseph E. T. Mercier
David E. Fournier

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Joseph Tolpa
Eleanor Tolpa
Leo Small
Rudolph Smola
Robert Anderson
Thaddeus Bodzinski

POLICE OFFICERS

Ernest M. Gay
Andrew T. Sears
Adam L. Antonovitch
Frank P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Robert G. Anderson
Lester Beaudoin

Randolph Brown
Edward Czech
Merton L. Pratt
Chester F. Dzwonkowski, Sr.
Charles F. Howard
Elmer M. Potter
John H. Reed
A. Preston Atwood Resigned

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

(School Traffic Officers)

Earle H. Whitehouse Deceased
A. Preston Atwood Resigned
Stanley DeMoss
Margaret Pinkos
William F. Kimball, Jr.

(Limited to State School)

Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.
Francis J. Longtine
Donald B. Hayden

(Property of Swift River Sportsmans Club)

Henry L. Lloyd
Carl Zobka
Claude Clark

(Resources, Conservation & Development and Renouf Properties)

Henry Renouf

(Town Beach)

Leon Quesnel

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

A. Preston Atwood Resigned

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

(Appointed by Selectmen and Sewer Comm.)

Sidney T. Wheble, Jr. 3-1-65

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Isaac A. Hodgen
Lewis H. Blackmer
Roy Whidden
Frederick E. Lincoln
William H. Squires, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Albert W. Brown
Dr. Edward P. Bartlett
Henry Renouf
Albert Brighenti

Royal K. Gay
Richard K. Cook
A. Preston Atwood (Resigned)

JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chm.
Walter L. Papp
Andrew G. Ketchen
John V. Nelson, Sec'ty
Clifford E. Holt
Donald E. Geer
David A. Staples, School Comm. member
Frank M. Dunn, Jr., School Supt. (ex officio)

TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Dianne Rogers
Samuel Joyal
Donald S. Cole
Doris Dickinson
Theodore Smist
Randolph Brown

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Samuel J. Joyal
Other members not recorded

SUMMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

Members not known

CHAIRMEN OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Michael S. Mathras, Chm. Board of Selectmen
William H. Squires, Jr., Chm. Board of Public Welfare
Harold W. Willey, Chm. School Committee
James F. Hayward, Chm. Planning Board
David G. Hodgen, Chm. Cemetery Commission
William F. Kimball, Jr., Chm. Board of Assessors
D. Donald Hazen, Chm., Sewer Commission
George A. Smith, Jr., Chm., Board of Health
William G. Whitlock, Chm., Finance Committee
Roy G. Shaw, Chm., Registrars of Voters

Appointed by Board of Health

Miss Catherine L. Austin, R. N., Secretary
Mrs. Doris S. Squires, Report Clerk
Louis J. Austin, Inspector of Animals
Melvin Andrews, Inspector of Slaughtering
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D., Special Agent at B. S. S.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall — Smith Street, Dover
Edward M. Kennedy — 3 Charles River Square, Boston 14

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Edward P. Boland 2nd District 100 Mooreland St., Springfield

STATE SENATOR

Philip A. Quinn, Worcester-Hampden Dist. 101 Main St., Spencer

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen — Fourth Hampshire District
140 Church Street, Ware

COUNCILLOR, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Walter F. Kelly — Seventh District
154 Lincoln Street, Worcester

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Louis Fuller
Deputy Chief Carl J. Peterson
Captain Isaac Hodgen
Lieutenant William Squires
Lieutenant Donald Bock
Lieutenant Sherman Gould
Lieutenant Raymond Menard

Elwyn Bock
Lawrence Bowser, Jr.
Harry Brougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Albert Dewhurst
Edward L. Fuller
Edward Gates
Ernest M. Gay
Royal Gay
Hubert Greene
Nelson Hill
Irving Hislop

David Hodgen
Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Samuel Joyal
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.
Harold Peck
Carl E. Peterson
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Robert Smith
Herbert Squires
Herbert Wood

Honorary Members

Richard Knight
Kenneth Bristol
Milton Baggs
Raymond Hill

Mike Oberly
Roy Shaw
David Staples

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph Kempkes, Jr.
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson Hill

Ernest M. Gay
William H. Squires

B. S. S. OPERATORS

Hazel Charles
Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin

Marguerite Mumford
Jean Garron
Jeanne Dubois

JURORS DRAWN FOR SERVICE DURING 1964

Name	*Date Drawn*	*Service*
Michael S. Mathras	1-2-64	Grand Juror
William H. Squires, Jr.	1-2-64	Traverse Juror
Philip R. Barnes	1-2-64	Traverse Juror
Donald Bock	3-26-64	Traverse Juror
Richard Cook	3-26-64	Traverse Juror
John A. Collis	5-7-64	Traverse Juror
Sebastian Dudek	5-7-64	Traverse Juror
Richard D. Thomas	5-21-64	Traverse Juror
Joseph F. Austin	5-21-64	Traverse Juror
Donald M. Terry	5-21-64	Traverse Juror
Robert Morey	9-3-64	Traverse Juror
Alma S. Lindquist	9-3-64	Traverse Juror
William T. Slate	10-19-64	Traverse Juror
Charles Ayers	10-19-64	Traverse Juror
Edward A. Henrichon, Jr.	10-19-64	Traverse Juror
Roger L. Phaneuf	10-19-64	Traverse Juror
Garry Whitlock	10-19-64	Traverse Juror
Constance Bullough	11-19-64	Traverse Juror
Milton R. Locke	11-19-64	Traverse Juror
David A. Staples	12-30-64	Grand Juror
Bertha Townsend	12-30-64	Traverse Juror
John B. Officer	12-30-64	Traverse Juror

List of Jurors

MALES NAME—	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Adzima, Peter	Old Springfield Road	Farmer	Self employed
Ayers, Charles	Federal Street	Skilled Laborer	Metropolitan Dist. Comm.
Barrett, Paul	Maple Street	Maintenance foreman	Hart-Top Mfg. Co., Holyoke
Barrett, Warren	Jackson Street	Engineer	American Bosch
Clark, Richard O.	Federal Street	Salesman	Guzik's M. Sales, Ware
Depot, Philip	Metacomet Street	Chemical Operator	Shawinigan Resins Corp., Ind. Orch.
Evans, Thomas	Mill Valley Road	Electrical Maintenance	Ludlow Industrial Realty
Fournier, David	Bay Road	Farmer	Self employed
Gay, Royal K.	No. Main Street	Truck driver	Chadbourne's Serv. Sta., B'town
Goodrich, Fred	Federal Street	Storekeeper	Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Harrington, Stanford	Park Street	Corporation Officer	S. J. Harrington, Inc.
Hazen, Donald	Maple Street	Trucking, Sch. Bus Op.	Self employed
Henrichon, Earl	Chauncey Walker St.	Salesman	Ken Crosby, Springfield
Henrichon, Edward A. Jr.	Chauncey Walker St.	Electrician	American Cyanide, Springfield
Hodgen, Isaac	Sargent Street	Bk. Trs. , Bd. of Inv.	Ware
Jackson, George	No. Washington St.	R. Estate Developer	Mill Hollow Realty Trust
Ketchen, Gould	Jabish Street	General Manager	Quabbin Industries, Inc.
Labrie, Joseph	Federal Street	Heat treater	Moore Drop Forging Co., Springfield
Locke, Milton	Old Enfield Road	Vice-Pres., Treasurer	Quabbin Industries, Inc.

Morey, Robert	No. Washington St.	Clerk	Belchertown Pharmacy
Officer, John B.	C. Walker Street	Foreman	American Cyanide, Springfield
Perham, Donald	Springfield Road	Molder	Springfield Foundry
Phaneuf, Roger L.	Jensen Road	Foreman	Quabbin Industries, Belchertown
Rhodes, Lester	Warren Wright Rd.	Trucking	Self empolyed
Rioux, James E.	No. Washington St.	Laborer	Monsanto Chem. Co., Ind. Orch.
Samson, Edward	Turkey Hill Road	Auto Body Repair	46 Union Street, Holyoke
Slate William T.	Bardwell Street	Electrician	U. S. Rubber Co., Chic. Falls
Slupnicki, Walter S.	Railroad Street	Laborer	Westinghouse, Springfield
Smola, Rudolph	C. Walker Street	Turkey Grower	Anderson Turkey Farm
Staples, David	So. Main Street	Owner	Jackson's Store, Belchertown
Supczak, Stanley	Franklin Street	Wire Drawer	Colorado Fuel & Iron, Palmer
Thayer, Kenneth	Mill Valley Rd.	Superintendent	Jarvis & Jarvis, Palmer
Tucker, N. Harold, Jr.	D. Shays Highway	Electrical Tester	General Electric, Holyoke
Wheeler, Sidney W.	Everett Avenue	Financial advisor	Self employed
Whitlock, Gary	North Street	Salesman	Elder Jones Lumber, Amherst
Ayers, Lafayette	Mill Valley Road	Mechanic	Hallen Const. Co.
Horta, Ramon	Granby Road	Laborer	U. S. Rubber Co.

FEMALE NAME—	Residence	Description of Business or Occupation	Employer or Employers' business
Camp, Edna	Jackson Street	L.P.N.	———
Townsend, Bertha	Turkey Hill Rd.	Silver Sodder Assemblier	Hi-G Inc., Bradley Field
Austin, Ann C.	West Street	Housewife	———
Grover, Emma L. M.	Federal Street	Housewife	———
Hislop, Lucy J.	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper	Quabbin Industries, Inc.
Jenks, Celia B.	D. Shays Highway	Retired	———
Lindquist, Alma S.	Mill Valley Road	Bank teller	Ludlow Savings Bank
Rhodes, Helen M.	Enfield Road	Housewife	———
Hennemann, Barbara C.	E. Walnut Street	Clerk	Bell & Hudson Ins. Agency, Inc.
Stacy, Adelyn	E. Walnut St.	Retired	———
Bullough, Constance	State Street	Line girl	F. W. Sickles
Whittaker, Alice	State Street	Housewife	———
Depot, Edith	Metacomet Street	Housewife	———
Gawlik, Jane	Lloyd Avenue	Off. Mgr. & Ins. Broker	Cornelius W. Philips, Jr., Chicopee

Report of Selectmen

1964 shall be a year long to be remembered, the creation of a five-man Board of Selectmen, the near comletion of our new High School, the sharp increase in our tax bills, and the prospect of added financial burdens must make us realize the necessity for the strictest municipal economy possible. Our increasing population with all its related demands for town services such as Schools, Roads, Police, Fire, etc., present a challenge to all of us to keep our expenses within our ability to pay. If this report may seem repetitive, it is only because our activities are basically uniform—they only cost more from year to year.

The Board of Selectmen organized as follows; Michael S. Mathras as Chairman of the Board, Frank Farrington, Jr., Clerk of the Board, William H. Squires, Jr., member and Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, Walter Tolpa, Jr., member and Earl F. Henrichon, member. All regularly scheduled meetings were held and many extra sessions were added in order to take care of matters which could not be given adequate attention on regular meeting nights, due to the pressure of routine business.

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Membership in the Mass. League of Cities and Towns, and the Mass. Selectmen's Association, etc. have made us realize that all communities face basically the same problems, it is merely the manner of resolving these problems that makes the difference between a healthy town and one that is just marking time. The vast accumulation of talent represented in these bodies, the available legal advice, the concerted pressures that can be exerted by such a forceful group can do much to streamline small town government. Members of this Board have attended all meetings called by these groups and have availed themselves of weekly bulletins, legislative recommendations, etc., and now it behooves us to take advantage of new suggestions wherever possible.

* * *

Our Chapter 90 Construction allotment for the past few years has been concentrated on rebuilding Route #21. This year, however, the Board felt that inasmuch as Route #21 was completed, we should let our new project, namely, Bay Road-Stebbins Street, go out to bid. This sharp reversal in customary policy made it necessary for the DPW to realign its plans to conform to preparing bid-type plans. It was further decided after several conferences that the most practical approach would be to combine the un-used portion of the 1964 allotment ($20,000.00) with the 1965 appropriation of $24,000.00 into one project large enough to warrant effective bidding. We, then, expect to complete about $44,000.00 worth of work on Stebbins Street this coming Summer.

* * *

Our Chapter 81 program, which is likewise very limited and contributed to by the State, is also based on a fixed formula but in our opinion, it is inadequate to keep our present roads in first class condition based on today's costs. After we repair our existing roads and take care of the ever-present existing drainage problems, there is very little money, if any, left for construction purposes. We feel we should protect what we have and keep the existing roads in first class condition rather than neglect proper treatment and in a few years be confronted with the problem of rebuilding many of our roads. We should then, anticipate that to protect what we have, this Board may request additional funds to be used only for purposes of sealing existing secondary roads.

* * *

Our locally financed road construction program has progressed to the extent that we have completed work on the following roads; George Hannum, Boardman, Beach, Moore and Gold Street. In the process of improving our School Bus routes, we have surfaced with permanent-type construction a little over two and a half miles of road. We hope to continue this improvement program until all School and Mail routes are completed.

* * *

As is usually the case, members of this Board attended the Chapter 90 hearings in Northampton. We objected most strenuously to the conditions involving Route #9, and as usual succeeded only in persuading the County to provide our Maintenance Program with an additional $1,000.00. As far as the DPW was concerned, Route #9 and its maintenance would remain our responsibility until such time as the Interstate Highway Program was completed. Reluctant to accept this decision as final, members of this Board journeyed to Boston to confer with Commissioner Warner. We were cordially greeted and after a lengthy discussion, came back with nothing more concrete than a declaration of sympathy for our plight. It is now obvious that only the concerted efforts of our political friends and whatever pressure they can exert, can make the DPW even reconsider our pleas. So—it seems that our crusade must continue.

* * *

Our Chapter 782 program met with half hearted success at best. Work on Daniel Square though supposedly completed, leaves much to be desired and additional work to complete this project must be done this year. Work on Cold Spring Road was halted, due to unfavorable weather conditions, and the surfacing of this road is scheduled as our first road project this spring. It is hoped that we shall be able to widen and resurface East Walnut Street from the Post Office to Jabish Street. The increased flow of traffic on this road makes repair almost mandatory. We might add that work done on Chapter 782 or 822 is done solely from funds provided by the State and does not reflect in our tax rate. These funds are a grant by the State to communities as a means of aiding them to complete present sub-standard roads.

Much steam was generated by the Board relative to the Dry Bridge on Route #181 and to the underpass on the Three Rivers Road. Aid from the DPW is unavailable though work on the underpass may qualify for Federal Aid; however, the problem of the Dry Bridge must be resolved between the Town and the B & M Railroad. Due to the financial condition of the Railroad, it seems that the responsibility for this project might wind up completely as a town problem.

* * *

Much interest and activity was generated by the Jaycees and this Board in preparing a resume to qualify Belchertown for consideration as a possible site for the new Medical School. After considerable effort on the part of all concerned, we were visited by the very gracious Dr. Lamar Souter and toured prospective sites. It seems that although we may have the most beautiful sites available, we have very little to offer in the way of water, sewer and oher services to induce either industry or any large public installation to locate here.

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Perhaps one of the most appreciated projects undertaken this year is the remarkable transformation that has taken place at the

Town Beach. We take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Ted Smist and his committee for a job extremely well done. We would be remiss indeed if we failed to thank all who had given so freely of their time and labors in helping this committee to make possible this wonderful face-lifting—surely a tribute to community spirit and endeavor.

* * *

Another project undertaken by this Board this year was the problem of the ever-increasing number of junk cars that dot almost every road in town. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. John Reed, our enforcement officer, we were able to clear hundreds of junk cars, and promise to renew this campaign again this year.

* * *

We were happy to take a small part in the Testimonial tendered Ken Bristol upon his retirement after completing thirty-five years of devoted service as Captain of our Fire Dept. To you, Ken, we owe a debt of gratitude and though you leave us, you take with you the thanks of an entire township. Goodbye, good luck, and may God Bless you.

* * *

Again this year we have lost a very dear and loyal public servant, and with the passing of Willard (Bill) Young we again feel the hollow emptiness that comes only after we realize how heavily we depended upon this fine, quiet, unassuming gentleman. Again we say—God Bless You.

* * *

In closing, we wish to thank the many local organizations who have helped make our Town a more beautiful place to live in—The Garden Club and the Grange deserve particular thanks for their efforts in this behalf. To all Departments, Committees, Officials and Employees we thank you for the fine spirit of cooperation extended to this Board this year. So for the coming year let us resolve not to ask for more than we are willing to provide for and on this conservative vein we will close this chapter for another year.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL HENRICHON
FRANK FARRINGTON, JR.
WILLIAM SQUIRES, JR.

Report of Assessors

In 1964 the Board of Assessors complied with the State law and made all valuations, both real and personal, 100% or full and fair cash value. Although this doubled valuation, we were able to make the tax rate a little less than one half the anticipated rate.

In 1964 the net amount to be raised by taxation was	$490,067.52
In 1963 the net amount to be raised by taxation was	365,687.50
	$124,380.02

This increase of $124,380.02 (money voted at town meeting) caused the increase of about 1/3 in net taxes.

In 1964 the town joined the State Assessment System, so that now state aid is available to us.

In 1964 we had fifty-one (51) people who qualified to receive abatements on real estate under Chapter 808.

The Board received one hundred eighty photostatic copies of property transfers during 1964.

Eighty-six building permits were issued during the year, of which five were for removal of buildings.

We had many pieces of property both new and incomplete to view, a great number of abatements, especially on motor vehicles, to process, all of which with the general work of the office, made a very busy year.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate and personal estate.
2. Grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth,

Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fees.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined as follows:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$866,625.53
Other expenses for the year:		
State parks and reservations	$2,662.26	
M.V.E. bills	383.40	
County tax	16,409.51	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	4,744.25	
Underestimates	245.80	
Overlay for current year	14,470.61	38,915.83
Gross amount to be raised		905,541.36
Estimated receipts from the State	272,563.03	
Available funds	142,910.81	415,473.84
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		490,067.52
Total valuation		
Personal property	1,018.465.00	
Real estate	14,296,145.00	15,314,610.00
Tax levy at $32.00		
Personal property	32,590.88	
Real estate	457,476.64	490,067.52
Omitted assessments		
Personal property	19.20	
Real Estate	2,331.20	
	$2,350.40	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
Chairman
HAROLD B. KETCHEN
DORIS S. SQUIRES

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

1962—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/64		$10.00
Collected	$4.00	
Abated	6.00	
Outstanding	none	
	10.00	10.00
1963—POLL TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/64		72.00
Paid after abatement		2.00
Collected	26.00	
Abated	40.00	
Outstanding 12/31/64	8.00	
	74.00	74.00
1961—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/64		185.18
Abated	185.18	
Outstanding	none	
	185.18	185.18
1962—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/64		200.25
Collected	157.50	
Abated	42.75	
Outstanding	none	
	200.25	200.25

1963—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Outstanding 1/1/64		794.40
Collected	552.00	
Abated	177.60	
Outstanding 12/31/64	64.80	
	794.40	794.40

1964—PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Committed for collection		32,610.48
Refunded		9.84
Collected	30,687.76	
Abated	175.28	
Outstanding 12/31/64	1,757.28	
	32,620.32	32,620.32

1962—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/64		18.13
Collected	18.13	
	18.13	18.13

1963—FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/64		214.80
Collected	169.05	
Outstanding 12/31/64	45.75	
	214.80	214.80

1964—FARM ANIMAL EXCISES

Committed for collection		789.06
Collected	689.31	
Outstanding 12/31/64	99.75	
	789.06	789.06

1962—REAL ESTATE TAX

Outstanding 1/1/64		6,612.11
Collected	4,018.36	
Tax Titles	175.00	
Outstanding 12/31/64	2,418.75	

	6,612.11	6,612.11
1963—REAL ESTATE TAX		
Outstanding 1/1/64		27,347.85
Refunded	16.80	
Collected	20,059.07	
Abated	139.20	
Tax Titles	247.20	
Outstanding 12/31/64	6,919.18	
	27,364.65	27,364.65
1964—REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Committed for collection		459,807.84
Refunded		2,650.15
Collected	408,869.84	
Abated	12,845.28	
Tax Titles	460.80	
Outstanding 12/31/64	40,282.07	
	462,457.99	462,457.99
1960—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/64		219.47
Abated	219.47	
Outstanding	none	
	219.47	219.47
1961—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/64		28.20
Collected	28.20	
Outstanding	none	
	28.20	28.20
1962—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Outstanding 1/1/64		250.28
Collected	78.93	
Abated	169.35	
Outstanding 12/31/64	2.00	
	250.28	250.28

1963—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/64		13,398.50
Committed during 1964		4,728.58
Refunded		1,558.00
Collected	15,300.66	
Abated	4,084.90	
Outstanding 12/31/64	299.52	
	19,685.08	19,685.08

1964—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Committed for collection		78,640.23
Refunded		3,984.37
Collected	67,502.91	
Abated	6,605.97	
Outstanding 12/31/64	8,515.72	
	82,624.60	82,624.60

1964—BETTERMENT APPORTIONED (Sewers)

Committed for collection		67.69
Collected	67.69	
Outstanding	none	
	67.69	67.69

1964—COMMITTED INTEREST (Betterment Appor.)

Committed for collection		16.25
Collected	16.25	
Outstanding	none	
	16.25	16.25

1960—SEWER CHARGES

Outstanding 1/1/64		30.00
Outstanding 12/31/64	30.00	
	30.00	30.00

1961—SEWER CHARGES

Outstanding 1/1/64		30.00
Outstanding 12/31/64	30.00	

	30.00	30.00
1962—SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1/1/64		165.00
Collected	75.00	
Outstanding 12/31/64	90.00	
	165.00	165.00
1963—SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1/1/64		120.00
Collected	90.00	
Outstanding 12/31/64	30.00	
	120.00	120.00
1964—SEWER CHARGES		
Committed for collection		5,155.00
Collected	4,812.50	
Abated	82.50	
Outstanding 12/31/64	260.00	
	5,155.00	5,155.00

BALANCE

O/S 1-1-64, taxes, excises, betterments & sewers		$49,696.17
Committed for collection during 1964		581,815.13
Rerunded and paid after abatement		8,221.16
Collected, paid to treasurer	$553,223.16	
Abatements	24,773.48	
Tax titles and subsequent titles	883.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1964	60,852.82	
	$639,732.46	$639,732.46

Taxes, excises, betterments & sewer charges collected 1964	$553,223.16
Demand and warrant fees added to bills collected 1964	1,439.75
Interest added to bills collected 1964	865.55
Total paid to treasurer 1964	$555,528.46

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Tax and Town Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury 1-1-64	$1,029,585.34	
Receipts 1-1-64—12-31-64	1,248,193.31	
		$2,277,778.65
Expenditures 1-1-64—12-31-64	1,931,808.11	
Cash in treasury 12-31-64	345,970.54	
		$2,277,778.65

Report of Investments

The town voted an additional sum of $92,000.00 for the Jr.-Sr. High School. This action authorized the treasurer to borrow the sum of $62,000.00 which was completed as follows:

Coupon Notes were sold @ 3.0% for a period of five years.

Coupon Notes	$62,000.00
Available funds	30,000.00
	$92,000.00

The treasurer invested, as provided by law, with the monies available from the sale of School Bonds and Coupon Notes the following:

Treasury Bills, $792,553.85—Certificates (Bank), $900,000.00
Discount Interest, $21,403.77

Income from investment of Bonds and Coupon Notes during 1964	$21,403.77
Income from Premium on Coupon Notes	20.46
Income from other investments	2,027.20
1964 Net Investment Income	$23,451.43

Report of Borrowing

During 1964 the treasurer borrowed the following sums to meet the obligations of the town, as authorized by town meeting:

	Discount
Note #224—$100,000.00, dated 4-1-64, due 12-1-64 discounted @ 1.80% —	$1,190.00
Note #225—$50,000.00, dated 7-27-64, due 11-13-64 discounted @ 1.75% —	$ 255.21
Cost to town	$1,445.21

Income from authorized investments	$23,451.43
Less interest paid on short term notes	1,445.21
Net gain to town	$22,006.22

During 1964 the town employed 304 persons in all departments.

Gross wages earned (Before deductions)		$409,187.46
Deductions from wages		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,500.88	
Group Life Insurance	724.46	
Federal Withholding Tax	44,810.75	
Teacher retirement	13,626.05	
County retirement (town employ.)	4,330.95	
State Withholding Tax	6,228.33	
Net wages paid	335,966.04	
	$409,187.46	$409,187.46

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	1-1-64	W'dr'n	Interest	Deposit	12-31-64
George D. Longley Music	$2,323.81		93.86		2,417.67
Calvin Bridgman High Sc.	6,621.11	79.08	265.90		6,807.93
S.M.D. Bridgman Cemetery	629.18	96.79	23.46		555.85
Whiting Street	11,394.35	228.39	455.74		11,621.70
Willard Stebbins Cemetery	1,520.27		61.40		1,581.67
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		161.60		4,161.60
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	1,110.41	72.04	43.60		1,081.97
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care	32,591.86	1,287.94	1,330.86	1,350.00	33,984.78
Post-War Rehabilitation	121.98		4.90		126.88
Stabilization	10,426.87	10,000.00	421.22		848.09
S.M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	2,100.00		42.00		2,142.00

S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund Bank Stock—525 shares, 1st National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00 per share—$5,250.00

The "West Side Properties, Inc." stock which the town owned Jan. 1, 1964 has been liquidated. The corporation voted to liquidate during 1964.

1st liquidation dividend paid to town, 35 shares @ $40.00, $1,400.00

2nd liquidation dividend paid to town, 35 shares @ 20.00, 700.00

3rd liquidation dividend paid to town, 35 shares @ 10.00 350.00

(Original number of shares, 35, valued at $40.00 each, West Side Properties, Inc.)

(Original unmber of shares, 35, valued at 100.00 each, 1st National Bank of Amherst)

Present S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund consists of:

525 shares 1st National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00 each

Deposited in Ludlow Savings Bank (Belchertown) $2,142.00

Plus income of the aforesaid accounts.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

FINANCIAL

Receipts	*No. Items*	*Amounts*
Sporting licenses (gross)	621	$2,758.45
Dog licenses (gross)	584	1,622.00
U. C. C. mortgages and terminations	170	459.50
Marriage intentions	40	90.00
Pole orders	5	20.50
Registration of business	5	5.00
Registration of fuel storage	32	16.00
Birth-Marriage-Death copies & affidavits	174	190.50
Declaration of Trust	1	5.00
Sale of town maps	53	26.50
	1,685	$5,193.45

Expenditures	
Sporting licenses (Div. of Fish & Game)	$2,615.00
Dog licenses (County of Hampshire)	1,476.00
Sporting license fees, Town of Belchertown	143.45
Dog license fees, Town	146.00
U. C. C. mortgages & terminations, Town	459.50
Marriage intentions, Town	90.00
Pole orders, Town	20.50
Registration of business, Town	5.00
Registration of fuel storage, Town	16.00
B.-M.-D. copies and affidavits, Town	190.50
Declaration of trust, Town	5.00
Sale of town maps, Town	26.50
	$5,193.45

VITAL STATISTICS

Births reported during 1964 to residents of Belchertown:

Boys 36, Girls 34—Total, 70

Place of birth	*Number*
Ware	20
Holyoke	18
Northampton	11
Palmer	10
Springfield	5
Chicopee (WAFB)	4
Ludlow	1
Boston	1
Total Births	70

Marriages reported during 1964, resident and non-resident:

	Male	*Female*
Resident	30	25
Non-resident	28	33
Total Marriages		58

Married in Belchertown	35
Other cities and towns, Mass.	19
Out of State	4
	58

Marriage intentions filed by Belchertown residents, 40.

Deaths reported during 1964, resident and non-resident in Belchertown:

	Male	*Female*
Residents of Belchertown	26	13
Non-resident	16	16
	42	29

Number of deaths recorded, 71

Resident death in Belchertown	44
Non-resident in Belchertown	27
	71

(Note—32 of the above deaths were resident at B. S. S.)

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Health

Shortly after the Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Health organized as follows: Chairman, George A. Smith, Jr.; Clerk, Catherine L. Austin; Member at Large, Dr. Kenneth L. Collard.

To help carry out the duties of the Board of Health, the following appointments were made:

Agent-Sanitarian: John A. Brickett
Inspector of Animals: Lewis J. Austin
Inspector of Slaughtering: Melvin F. Andrews
Report Clerk: Doris S. Squires
Special Agent to the Board of Health from Belchertown State School: Dr. Lawrence P. Bowser

Routine monthly meatings were held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Sanitation

The Sanitarian made regular monthly inspections to the eating and drinking establishments. Whenever he found deviations from the Sanitary Code of Belchertown, he took appropriate measures to correct them. Nuisance complaints were handled in the same manner.

Prior to, and during the bathing season, samples of water were taken from the Town Beach area. Analysis showed the water suitable for the purpose of bathing.

The Town Dump continues to gain increased usage and the funds to maintain it at the present level of upkeep will rise steadily with usage. As the Town expands closer to the Dump, the day will come in the not too distant future when improved means of disposal will have to be faced. It is estimated that when this time arrives, the cost of dump upkeep will increase by a factor of five to ten times. The Board maintains pest control procedures at the dump, and would appreciate any comments, good or bad, on the effectiveness of these measures.

Preventive Measures

A total of 890 children were inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough; 86 children were inoculated against poliomyelitis.

The Board of Health urges all parents of preschool children, who are not inoculated against these preventable diseases, to take their children to the family physician for inoculation.

Last year in Massachusetts, tetanus (lock-jaw) killed over 35 people. With increased interest on the part of the population in camping, outdoor recreation, in sports and gardening, inoculation against the deadly tetanus is essential. The Board advises all adults to arrange with their physician for this inoculation.

Communicable Diseases

Chicken Pox	49
Dysentery	11
German Measles	100
Hepatitis	3
Measles	9
Mumps	3
Pertussis	3
Salmonellosis	1
Tuberculosis	3
Dog Bites	34

Two of the cases with tuberculosis died. Upon being reported to the Board of Health one was a far advanced case of pulmonary tuberculosis, a young parent. Upon the death of this patient, the family unit was broken. In this day and age with medical knowledge so vast, with such powerful antibiotics to treat tuberculosis, it is a shame that this occured in our town. Prevention of such tradgedies can usually be avoided by early detection and treatment.

Premature Infants

Six infants were born prematurely during the year, one of whom died. It should be noted that extended hospital care of premature infants is paid for by the Town, under State Law, if the parents request aid and are needy. The need is based on established criteria. Financial aid for premature infants plus tuberculosis payments cost the Town very close to $1,000 this year.

For these and many other reasons the Board of Health is proposing that a Public Health Nurse be established in our town this year. A Public Health Nurse working in the homes of our community would teach the value of routine medical supervision, and in many cases prevent the tragic outcome of *too late detection* of fatal diseases. She would make it possible for elderly persons to convalesce at home following a serious illness rather than in a nursing home.

She would provide advice and assistance to new and expectant mothers, and accomplish a host of other assistance and disease prevention activities which would make this a healthier and happier town in which to live. More details of this plan will be presented to the people of the town before the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. SMITH, JR., Chairman
CATHERINE L. AUSTIN, Clerk
KENNETH L. COLLARD, Member at Large

Belchertown–Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District is nearing the completion of thirteen years of service to the member towns of Belchertown and Granby, it having become operative April 1, 1952. Its Prudential Committee consists of one member of the Board of Public Welfare of each town and the administration of the District is the responsibility of this Committee, with the Federal and State Governments carrying the larger portion of the operating expense.

At the present time Federal and State participate in the cost of Old Age Assistance, Medical Assistance for the Aged, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Disability Assistance, with the State also participating in the cost of General Relief. Work and administration standards as set forth by Federal and State have been maintained with emphasis on service and rehabilitation. During the year 130 cases involving the care and support of 67 children were handled (Belchertown, 88, and Granby, 42); 427 personal contacts were made (Belchertown, 333, and Granby, 94); and the total aid rendered was $82,622.38 (Belchertown, $64,890.73, and Granby, $17,731.65).

The operating costs for 1964 were as follows:

Salaries	$11,130.52
Travel	309.15
Postage	209.80
Supplies	48.14
Telephone	227.70
Office Rent	745.00
Office and Equipment Maintenance	98.96
Compensation Insurance	143.32

Fire Insurance	25.00
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor and Legal Expense	45.00
Meetings, Dues, Conferences, etc.	29.75
Miscellaneous	21.00
Hampshire County Assessment	1,001.70
Hospital Insurance	190.20
Group Life Insurance	24.72
Total Operating Cost	$14,261.96
Reimbursements Received	11,560.01
Net Cost for 1964	$2,701.95

(Cost to Belchertown, 62.5%, $1,688.72; Granby, 37.5%, $1,013.23)

The anticipated net cost of operating the District for 1965 is $2,910.76 (Belchertown, $1,819.22; Granby, $1,091.54) and the Towns have been assessed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND W. RANDALL
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
Prudential Committee
LENA N. WILSON, Director

Report of Welfare District Director

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

During the year of 1964 a rise in welfare costs was experienced due to increased hospital and nursing home rates, increases in the Leisure Time Activity and Fuel budget items, a greater number of recipients in licensed nursing homes, and the increased exemptions of children of recipients. More cases were handled involving the care and support of more children and hospital expenses were considerably more than has been experienced in the past. However, the case load at the end of the year was comparable to that of the beginning of the year with the exception of five more children being cared for and two more recipients being in licensed nursing homes.

The summary of the welfare activities for Belchertown indicates that 333 personal contacts were made, 88 cases involving the care and support of 50 children were handled, and the total amount of aid rendered was $64,890.73. At the close of the year there were 24 Old Age Assistance cases, 9 Medical Assistance for the Aged cases, 7 Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases involving 26 children, 2 Disability Assistance cases and 1 General Relief case. The Town holds 14 Old Age Assistance liens. Emphasis continues to be placed on obtaining support from delinquent parents in Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases, service, and rehabilitation. It is not known at the present time to what extent the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 will affect the Welfare program.

The itemized cost of Public Assistance for the Town is shown below.

	Expenditures	*Reim-bursements*	*Net Cost*
Old Age Assistance	$30,697.21	$27,635.73	$3,061.48
Medical Assistance for the Aged	20,071.80	16,304.52	3,767.28
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	11,579.62	10,380.89	1,198.73
Disability Assistance	1,124.29	968.84	155.45
General Relief	1,417.81	315.54	1,102.27
Total	$64,890.73	$55,605.52	$9,285.21
Board Salaries	675.00	313.50	361.50
Total			$9,646.71
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District			1,688.72
Total Net Cost for the Public Assistance programs for 1964 and the administrative cost of the same			$11,335.43

The understanding and cooperation which the Welfare office has received from your Board and the various Town officials during the year has been appreciated, as well as the cooperation of the Police Department in furnishing ambulance service. This has all facilitated the work of this office and we are thankful for it.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

Cash in treasury, 1/1/64	$5,099.92	
Receipts, 1-1-64—12-31-64		
Federal	6,984.00	
State	4,465.81	
Belchertown	1,145.46	
Granby	687.27	
Deductions (wages)	2,339.32	
Miscellaneous	110.20	
		$20,831.98
Expenditures 1-1-64—12-31-64	16,601.28	
Cash in treasury 12-31-64	4,320.70	
		$20,831.98

During 1964 the District employed 3 persons.

Gross wages earned (Before deductions)		$11,130.52
Deductions (from wages)		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	$190.20	
Group Life Insurance	24.72	
Federal withheld tax	1,428.18	
Retirement	556.54	
State withheld tax	139.68	
Net wages paid	8,791.20	
	$11,130.52	$11,130.52

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown, for 1964. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1964:

Crimes Against Person:	
Assault and Battery	3
Assault, Felonious	1
Murder	1
Rape, Attempt, Assault	1
Crimes Against Property:	
Breaking, Entering, Larceny	2
Destroying Property, Malicious Mischief	4
Larceny and Attempt	7
Larceny of Auto	2
Trespassing	1
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Driving Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	2
Drunkenness	5
Non-Support	2
Search Warrant	1
Disturbing Peace	1
Fish and Game Law	6
Motor Vehicle Laws	244
Juvenile Cases	4

The above totals are Crimes Against Persons, 6; Crimes Against Property, 16; and Crimes Against Public Order, 265.

The Police Ambulance made 96 trips to hospitals in our vicinity, 14 more than in 1963. The ambulance is to be used for emergencys or at the request of a Doctor. Thirty-three calls were made to administer oxygen. When the ambulance is requested for use it requires two men. The special and regular police officers are on call at all times for this duty. This was a volunteer service, men were sometimes called from their jobs and from their own work to do this service and I want to thank each officer at this time for being available and for answering so quickly for these emergencys. The ambulance is equipped by the Police Association. Another new type stretcher has been purchased this past year.

135 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1964, which is 8 more than in 1963. There was one fatal compared with three in 1963. This department has answered 1,061 complaints compared with 1,013 in 1963. We have received and delivered emergency messages to persons having no telephones. We have served 171 summones and handled 1,631 Motor Vehicle transfers, compared with 140 summones and 1,451 Motor Vehicle transfers in 1963.

Thirty-four pistol permits were issued. Each applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. Three dealers licenses were issued in town.

This year the regular patrol was increased from weekends to nearly every night. I feel that this has been a big help to our community.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Special Officers, the Regulars, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Comm., the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and my department.

My sincere thanks to all the Townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden for the year 1964.

The Fire Department answered 104 calls during the year 1964:

22 Building fires
64 Grass and brush fires
11 Auto fires
3 False alarms
4 Resuscitation calls

The total estimated damage to buildings was $50,950.00, and estimated damage to contents was $26,300.00.

Total miles traveled to and from fires was 642, and the total man-hours spent fighting fires was 2,475.

The Auxiliary Department continues to be increasingly helpful under the capable leadership of Lt. Donald Bock.

Regretfully we learned recently that Ken Bristol, a Captain in our department for the past 35 years, left our town to reside in Athol. We hope to see Captain Ken at our meetings and activities often.

I wish to acknowledge with thaiks the assistance of the telephone operators at the Belchertown State School, through whose efforts our telephone alarm system continues to run so efficiently.

I also wish to thank again our fine Police Department, who cooperate so fully with our Department and help to make our efforts more efficient.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Tree Warden
AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent:

During the year 1964 the Tree Department trimmed much brush and many low branches. Many calls came from school bus drivers. Their busses were being scratched or parts were being smashed by brush or low hanging limbs. There was storm damage, more so in December when we had the bad ice storm.

Again, as last year, we planted 20 Rock Maple Trees in the tree belt, under the tree planting program. The Dutch Elm Department removed 41 condemned trees. Also removed were 10 Staghorns (trees too dead to get a sample from to culture).

I attended a Pesticide Conference on the safe use of pesticides at the University of Massachusetts. Later in the year I took a test to obtain my license to spray.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commission organized March 8, 1964, and elected David G. Hodgen, Chairman and Elwyn H. Bock, Clerk.

On July 1, Elwyn Bock resigned as Commissioner and Sidney Wheble was unanimously appointed by the Selectmen to fill that position until the next annual election.

The Commission is now responsible for nine cemeteries—Mt. Hope, South, Hillcrest, Liberty, Rural, Dwight, Lake Vale, Evergreen and Kimball. General maintainance, including grass mowing, shrubbery trimming, grading and seeding, straightening headstones and snowplowing, has been done in all of them.

We had 28 burials this year, which netted $1,030.00 and was deposited in the Cemetery Income Account.

Projects completed this year include the erection and painting of 110 feet of cedar rail fence at Liberty Cemetery, surfacing a portion of the drive in Mt. Hope, constructing four new terraces at Mt. Hope and painting all of the cedar rail fence.

By vote of the town, approximately 6 acres of land adjoining South Cemetery was purchased. This section is now being mapped out into aisles, lots and roadways.

The Commission feels that it has had another successful and constructive year, and would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID G. HODGEN
SIDNEY T. WHEBLE, JR.
LINCOLN A. COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Sewer Commissioners

Installation of a sanitary sewer line in Old Springfield Road and an Interceptor Sewer from Old Springfield Road to Route 202 was successfully completed. Under this project 4,320 feet of 8-inch pipe was installed, construction of nineteen manholes and approximately 230 feet of 4-inch service pipe.

Considerable saving to the Town was realized from a Federal Grant under Public Law 660 Pollution Act, and changes in the construction contract. The contract for this work was awarded to Donald Terry of this town, and was performed in a very satisfactory manner.

The area this sewer line serves should prove most beneficial to the town for future development, besides servicing the new Junior-Senior High School.

The repair and improvement of our original sewer system continues. Two manholes were completely excavated, recemented and waterproofed in the east side trunk line, plus further treatment of lines for the control of root growth, also servicing of the metering devices at the State School.

Eleven new services were installed, making a total of 254. This included a connection on Sargent Street which required the Ramboring process, as the State D. P. U. would not allow excavation of this road. Most of the houses on Old Springfield Road were connected.

All stoppages in our sewer lines were promptly serviced.

We feel that 1964 was a progressive and beneficial year for our town, and express our thanks to everyone for the cooperation received during the year.

Meetings of the Sewer Department are held the second Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DONALD HAZEN, Chairman
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
HARRY L. BROUGHAM
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Civil Defense Director

During 1964 the Belchertown Operations Plan has been completed and approved by the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency and Federal Civil Defense Agency in Washington, D. C. This plan, aside from outlining the protective measures this town would take in case of disaster, together with the 1965 fiscal year program paper, which has also been approved, entitles the town to participate under the many federal matching funds program as well as the surplus property program.

The fallout shelter in Nursery #3 at Belchertown State School has been stocked with food and water supplies adequate for fourteen days. This shelter has recently been increased from a capacity of 108 to 205. In addition the Infirmary at B.S.S. and the buildings at Quabbin have also been approved as shelter areas. As soon as these buildings have been licensed and stocked the total capacity will reach approximately 600.

At the Civil Defense "office" in the Clapp Memorial Library a complete inventory was taken and recorded. I hope during 1965 that Civil Defense will be able to obtain an adequate office as the present "office" is far from adequate.

I have recently completed a Radiological Monitoring Course at Leeds and am presently enrolled at the U. of M. for a Radiological Monitoring Instructor Course. There have been numerous meetings throughout 1964 all of which I have attended.

I sincerely hope that in 1965 more people in Belchertown will become active in their Civil Defense effort.

Respectfully submitted,
JACK HULMES, JR.
Civil Defense Director

Report of Veterans' Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown

During the year 1964, the Veterans' office was open from seven to nine o'clock every Monday evening. In addition to aid to veterans, this office assists veterans in filing applications for V. A. pensions and assistance in writing letters to the V. A.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. KOSIBA
Veterans' Agent

Report Sealer of Weights & Measures

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

Tested and Sealed, January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964:

Scales 100 to 5,000 pounds	9
Scales under 100 pounds	27
Avoirdupois weights	31
Apothecary Troy weights	13
Gasoline pumps	17
Vehicle tank	1
Kero pumps	1
Grease pumps	8
Yard sticks	1

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $49.25.

ROYAL K. GAY
Sealer of Weights & Measures

Report of Planning Board

Following the annual Town meeting the Planning Board organized as follows: James F. Hayward, chairman; William H. Hennemann, clerk; Raymond Burke, Donald S. Cole and George B. Jackson, members.

1964 was an exceptionally busy year with seven subdivisions of various sizes presented to the board and approved. The majority of these required many extra meetings. The extra unnecessary work involved with the larger subdivisions can be avoided in the future with the submission to this board of regulations and specifications, repeatedly requested, of every board or department concerned with zoning.

A revision of the Rules and Regulations governing the Subdivision of Land was approved by the board after a public hearing in April. And after many weeks of work and study an amendment to the zoning by-laws was drawn up and submitted for the approval of the voters at the annual town meeting.

This board is acutely concious of the problems associated with the present and future growth of Belchertown and the inadequacy of our present zoning laws. It is only with good communication and cooperation between all boards and departments that the best interests of the Town and the residents can be fully achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. HAYWARD
WILLIAM H. HENNEMANN
RAYMOND BURKE
DONALD S. COLE
GEORGE B. JACKSON
Planning Board

War Memorial Committee Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the year 1964 one additional name plate has been installed on the World War I plaque on the War Memorial. Damage to the halyards has been repaired, and the shrubbery is coming along nicely.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC A. HODGEN
ROY F. WHIDDEN
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
LEWIS H. BLACKMER

Report of Dog Officer

A total of eighty-two dogs were picked up and of these thirty-five were claimed by owners. Twenty-nine were destroyed.

Forty dogs were reported missing by owners, and thirty-five of these were recovered.

Ten were killed by automobiles and were disposed of. Fifteen complaints were reported and investigated.

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA J. McCAUGHEY
Dog Officer

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1964

ASSETS

Cash	$345,970.54
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1962	
Real Estate	2,418.75
Levy of 1963	
Polls	8.00
Personal	64.80
Real Estate	6,919.18
Levy of 1964	
Personal Property	1,757.28
Real Estate	40,281.97
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE:	
Levy of 1962	2.00
Levy of 1963	299.52
Levy of 1964	8,515.72
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:	
Levy of 1963	45.75
Levy of 1964	99.75
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
Sewers:	

LIABILITIES

State Recreation Areas	219.23
County Tax	242.30
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Insurance Reserve	859.10
Road Machinery Earnings	1,591.47
Agency:	
Dog Licenses	134.00
Tailings	11.10
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, Income	2,848.74
War Memorial	4.49
Walter Pratt Private Trust	3.00
FEDERAL GRANTS:	
O. A. A.	
Administration	705.90
Assistance	1,461.14
M. A. A.	
Administration	192.31
Assistance	2,484.38
A. D. C.	
Administration	91.59

Rentals of 1960		30.00
Rentals of 1961		30.00
Rentals of 1962		90.00
Rentals of 1963		30.00
Rentals of 1964		260.00
Deferred Assessment: Not Due		498.80
TAX TITLES & TAX POSSESSIONS:		
Tax Titles	1,539.84	
Tax Possesions	495.94	2,035.78
DEPARTMENTAL:		
A.D.C.		1,117.16
Highways		877.13
Welfare		133.60
Veterans' Services		385.78
AID TO HIGHWAYS:		
State		14,667.32
		$426,538.83

Assistance	2,056.51
D. A.	
Administration	126.83
Assistance	823.05
Public Law 874	6,369.71
Public Law 85-864 Title V	133.72
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
High School Athletic Fund	975.08
School Lunch	3,420.82
Clapp Memorial Library	63.79
APPROPRIATION BALANCES	198,003.78
SALE OF REAL ESTATE	813.68
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	420.00
RESERVE FUND—OVERLAY SURPLUS	448.97
OVERLAYS reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1962	799.93
Levy of 1963	1,947.80
Levy of 1964	1,450.05
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,817.24
Farm Animal Excise	145.50
Special Assessments	938.80
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	2,035.78
Departmental	2,513.67
Aid to Highways	14,667.32
SURPLUS REVENUE	168,718.05
	$426,538.83

DEBT ACCOUNT

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT:		SERIAL LOANS:	
Inside Debt Limit		Inside Debt Limit	
General	82,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	15,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	1,030,000.00	School Building Loan of 1952	67,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit:	
		School Building Loan of 1951	88,000.00
		School Building Loan of 1963	880,000.00
		School Building Loan of 1963	62,000.00
	$1,112,000.00		$1,112,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and **Security** in Custody of the Treasurer	69,130.14	Cemetery Perpetual Care	33,984.78
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,081.97
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,417.67
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	11,621.70
		Calvin Bridgman High School	6,807.93
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery	555.85
		Willard A. Stebbins Fund	1,581.67
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,161.60
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	2,142.00
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	126.88
		Stabilization Fund	848.09
		Vianna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	300.00
	$69,130.14		$69,130.14

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1964

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unuexpended
Moderator	$25.00			$25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	2,575.00		$2,575.00	
Selectmen, Expense	1,000.00	$100.00T	1,049.00	50.19
Town Accountant, Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00	4.84T	79.79	.05
Treasurer, Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Collector, Salary	2,300.00		2,300.00	
Collector, Expense	1,675.00		1,675.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Assessors, Expense	2,450.00		2,444.23	5.77
Finance Committee	90.00		88.20	1.80
Town Clerk, Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	650.00		650.00	
Law	700.00		458.00	242.00
Elections & Registrations	2,850.00		2,850.00	
Planning Board	600.00		196.33	403.67
Appeals Board	50.00		44.24	5.76
Zoning by-law Officer, Sal.	300.00		300.00	
Zoning by-law Officer, Exp.	100.00		77.00	23.00
Old Town Hall	1,000.00		944.48	55.52
Lawrence Memorial Hall	2,000.00		1,562.92	437.08
Town Garage	1,700.00		658.04	1,041.96
Police Department	10,450.00	277.84T	10,727.84	
New Police Cruiser	1,450.00		1,437.05	12.95
Fire Department	4,400.00		4,371.20	28.80
Water Storage Holes	300.00		290.60	9.40
Hydrant Service	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Insect Pest Control	700.00		698.85	1.15
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00		1,199.60	.40
Tree warden	1,450.00	478.00T&A	1,926.80	1.20
Forest Fire Account	1,200.00	800.00T	1,988.24	11.76
Wire Inspector	300.00		300.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	150.00		150.00	
Dog Officer, Expense	270.00		148.15	121.85
Civilian Defense, Salary	150.00		112.50	37.50
Civilian Defense, Expense	150.00		48.06	101.94

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	1,905.00	1,211.75T	2,984.02	132.73
Town Dump	1,164.00		1,122.00	42.00
Sewer Commissioners, Sal.	500.00		500.00	
Sewer Maintenance	4,400.00		4,340.95	59.05
Interceptor Sewer	15,000.00	20,700.00 A	29,254.13	6,445.87
Highways—Chapter 81	32,825.00	17.93 T	32,842.93	
Chapt. 90 C	24,000.00	3,100.00		20,900.00
Chapt. 90 M	7,000.00	5,999.95		1,000.05
Chap. 782				
Cold Sp.	2,231.12	1,517.63		713.49
Daniel Sq.	3,000.00	2,877.52		122.48
Streets	1,800.00	100.00 T	1,792.40	107.60
Brush	2,500.00	2,499.45		.55
Bardwell St.	1,200.00		1,199.30	.70
Boardman St.	1,000.00	999.54		.46
Eskett Rd.	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Gold St.	1,200.00		1,199.25	.75
Gulf Rd.	1,200.00		1,197.65	2.35
G. Hannum	600.00		600.00	
Orchard St.	1,200.00		1,181.10	18.90
Rural Rd.	1,200.00		1,199.45	.55
S. Washington	1,200.00		1,199.15	.85
Town Beach Rd.	500.00		500.00	
Bridges	2,700.00	74.25 A	2,769.41	4.84
Sidewalks	200.00		200.00	
Snow Removal	12,000.00	1,363.24 T	13,363.24	
Rd. Mach. Exp.	3,000.00	6,531.49 A-T	9,530.64	.85
Purchase of New Truck		6,147.00 C	6,147.00	
& Plow w Frame	1,853.00	1,853.00 C	1,847.33	5.67
Street Lighting	7,520.00		7,415.28	104.72
Public Welfare, Salaries	675.00		675.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	1,145.46		1,145.46	
Public Assistance	29,650.00	501.13 R	29,986.41	164.72
Veterans' Agent, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans' Benefits	4,000.00	100.00 R	2,893.71	1,206.29
School Dept., Gen. Cont.	18,525.00		18,469.15	55.85
Instruction	288,239.00	100.00 R	283,486.90	4,852.10

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Operation	55,078.00		47,747.68	7,330.32
Repairs & Replace.	9,876.00		8,421.83	1,454.17
Transportation	40,865.00		39,722.55	1,142.45
Capital Outlay	3,841.00		3,094.36	746.64
Miscellaneous	3,350.00		3,225.83	124.17
Health	6,685.00		6,593.88	91.12
Household Arts	7,913.00		7,709.88	203.12
Library	1,658.00		1,498.81	159.19
Rental	1,500.00		937.25	562.75
Building Committee		1,519.51 C		
New Junior-Senior High School		940517.40 C	774,302.94	166,214.46
Vocational Ed.	22,500.00	128.20 R	18,920.40	3,707.80
Clapp Memorial Library	3,834.87	1,088.66 C	4,859.74	63.79
Parsons Field	350.00		277.00	73.00
Town Common	350.00		281.27	68.73
Summer Recreation	1,200.00	110.00 T	1,304.57	5.43
Insurance	12,506.99	319.64 R	11,496.98	1,329.65
Unpaid bills of 1963	90.50		90.50	
Town Employ. Retire.	8,016.60		8,016.60	
Memorial Day Services	200.00		143.77	56.23
Veterans' Day Services	60.00	4.51 T	64.51	
Town Clock	150.00		150.00	
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00		978.25	21.75
Unclassified	450.00		261.39	188.61
Reserve Fund	5,000.00		4,995.85	4.15
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Cemetery Expense	4,511.00	1,287.94 A	5,151.02	647.92
Land for Cem. Purposes	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Layout Rds. on above item.	250.00		10.00	240.00
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00
Interest	34,430.00		34,375.21	54.79
Maturing Debt	68,625.11		68,625.11	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	3,449.00	15.64 R	3,253.20	211.44
Group Life Insurance	741.00		697.31	43.69

Note:

T—Transfer, A—Additions, R—Refunds, C—Carryover.

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1964

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 **$15,000.00**

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1965 $2,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 **88,000.00**

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1965 $11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 **67,000.00**

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1965 $9,000.00

NEW JR.-SR. H. S. BUILDING LOAN OF 1963 **880,000.00**

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 3.1% dated September 1, 1963, and payable $50,000.00 annually for 6 years and $45,000.00 annually for 14 years.

Amount payable in 1965 $50,000.00

NEW JR.-SR. H. S. LOAN OF 1963 **62,000.00**

Coupon Notes bearing interest at the rate of 3% dated September 15, 1964 and payable $15,000.00 annually for 2 years and for 1 year $12,000.00 and $10,000.00 annually for 2 years.

Amount payable in 1965 $15,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund To:

Aug. 28	Board of Health	771.75	
Oct. 28	Town Accountant, Expense	4.84	
Oct. 28	Tree Warden	300.00	
Oct. 31	Summer Recreation	110.00	
Nov. 17	Forest Fire Account	800.00	
Dec. 4	Bridges	74.25	
Dec. 15	Board of Health	440.00	
Dec. 22	Veterans' Day Services	4.51	
Dec. 22	Selectmen, Expense	100.00	
Dec. 22	Streets	100.00	
Dec. 22	Tree Warden	100.00	
Dec. 30	Snow Removal	1,363.24	
Dec. 30	Road Machinery Expense	531.49	
Dec. 30	Police Department	275.00	
Dec. 30	Chapter 81	17.93	
Dec. 31	Police Department	2.84	$4,995.95

I certify that, as Town Accountant, I have examined the cash accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

January 18, 1965.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Notary Public

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

1964

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1962:		
Poll	$4.00	
Personal Property	157.50	
Real Estate	4,018.36	$4,179.86
Levy of 1963:		
Poll	26.00	
Personal Property	552.00	
Real Estate	20,059.07	20,637.07
Levy of 1964:		
Personal Property	30,687.76	
Real Estate	408,869.84	439,557.60
Other Local		
Tax Title Redemptions		611.30
FROM THE STATE:		
Income Tax	7,865.13	
Corporation (Business Franchise)	17,470.33	
Loss of Taxes	5,985.78	
Lieu of Taxes	1,019.91	32,341.15
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Licenses:		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,570.00	
All other	251.00	2,821.00

Permits:		
Marriage		90.00
FINES & FORFEITS:		
Court Fines	458.50	
Dept. Penalties (Tax Fees)	1,439.75	
Contract Violation (Sewer Bid)	1,000.00	2,898.25
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
Federal		41,372.33
State:		
For expenses	137,054.14	
Employers' Compensation	55.40	137,109.54
County:		
Dog Fund		1,091.37
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		
Sewer Rentals:		
1962	25.00	
1963	90.00	
1964	4,826.50	
1964 Interceptor	20,700.00	
1964 Apportionment	67.69	25,745.19
PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	82,910.70	
Farm Animal Excise	876.49	83,787.19
FINANCIAL:		
Collector		1,060.00
DEPARTMENTAL:		
Town Clerk		994.95
City or Town Hall	65.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	275.00	340.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Police:		
Licenses & Permits	77.00	
Fire Department		
Licenses & Permits	54.00	131.00

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY:		
Sealer weights & measures	49.25	
Dog Officer	219.00	
Building	86.00	354.25
HEALTH & SANITATION:		
Licenses & Permits	92.50	
Sewers	4.50	97.00
HIGHWAYS:		
General	20,642.28	
State & County 90 C	34,856.82	
State & County 90 M	6,000.00	
State, Chapter 782	5,231.12	
County	999.88	
Damage to Highways	302.00	
Machinery Rental	68.88	
Road Machinery Earnings	7,427.95	75,528.93
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
General Relief	315.54	
Public Assistance	120.43	
O. A. A.		
Cities & Towns	321.64	
State	10,199.05	
M. A. A.		
State	6,428.82	
A. D. C.		
State	3,597.12	
D. A.		
State	43.83	21,026.43
VETERANS' SERVICES:		
State		1,871.47
SCHOOLS:		
High School Athletic Fund	1,192.53	
School Lunch	36,520.27	
Jr.-Sr. High School Equipment	62,000.00	
Loan Premium	20.46	99,733.26

Smith Hughes—George Barden Fund		300.00
LIBRARIES:		
State		1,296.50
RECREATION:		
Town Common		200.00
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Sale of Union School	2,550.00	2,560.00
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	210.00	
Perpetual Care	1,450.00	
Perpetual Care, Interest	1,287.94	
Cemetery Income (Opening Graves)	1,030.00	3,977.94
TRUST FUNDS:		
Calvin Bridgman High School	79.08	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	72.04	
Susan M. D. Bridgman, Income	1,531.25	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery	169.59	
Whiting Street Poor Fund	228.39	
Vianna E. Somes Cemetery	300.00	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	78.00	2,458.35
INTEREST:		
On Deposits	2,027.20	
On Deferred Taxes	874.08	
On Deferred Special Assessments	16.25	
On Treasury Bonds	21,403.77	
On Group Life	121.39	24,442.69
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:		
Temporary Loans		150,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT:		
Sporting Licenses	2,621.00	
Dog Licenses	1,502.00	4,123.00

Federal Withholding	44,810.75	
Mass. Hospital Service	3,998.64	
Retirement	4,582.71	
State Withholding	5,983.87	
Group Life Insurance	779.08	
Insurance Reserve	859.10	61,014.15

REFUNDS:

Vocational Education	128.20	
Veterans' Benefits	100.00	
Premium on Union School	76.42	
Public Assistance	265.25	
Old Town Hall	16.89	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield (Pro-rated Refund)	2,308.00	
New Jr.-Sr. High School	192.00	
O. A. A.	153.50	
Insurance	319.64	
Public Assistance	146.50	
M. A. A.	146.50	
School Dept., Instruction	100.00	
Advertising	10.00	
Tree Warden	78.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield, Town Approp.	15.64	
Zoning By-Law Officer	25.00	4,081.54
		1,248,193.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1964		1,029,585.54
		$2,277,778.85

EXPENDITURES

1964

SELECTMEN:

Salaries		$2,575.00
Expense:		
State and County Assn. Dues	$181.00	

Clerical	248.75	
Phone	104.90	
Printing and Postage	47.20	
Office Supplies	28.55	
To Bd. of Pub. Works Meeting, Boston	39.27	
Miscellaneous	8.23	
Expenses to Association Meetings	135.00	
St. Patrick's Day Parade	42.00	
New Office Arm Chairs	78.30	
Advertising	5.25	
Flowers	5.00	
Mileage	126.00	1,049.81

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary		1,200.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	5.00	
Repairs to Adding Machine	45.15	
Office Supplies	19.64	
Rent of adding machine	10.00	79.79

TREASURER:

Salary		2,000.00
Expense:		
Treasurer & Assist. Treasurer Bonds	223.20	
Association Dues	6.00	
Clerical	536.50	
Printing and Postage	306.81	
Office Supplies	33.99	
Mileage	66.00	
Meeting with Emergency Board	19.10	
Redemption Fees	4.00	
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	4.40	1,200.00

COLLECTOR:

Salary		2,300.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	
Collector's Bond	288.00	
Clerical	766.24	

Printing and Postage	507.81	
Office Supplies	60.86	
Phone	15.20	
Mileage	2.72	
Tax Taking Notices	28.17	1,675.00
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries		1,600.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	12.00	
Clerical	860.12	
Phone	170.70	
Printing and Postage	189.06	
Camera, Films and Supplies	142.25	
Maintaining Valuation	892.00	
Attending State Meetings	42.00	
Mileage	57.50	
Transfers	78.60	2,444.23
FINANCE COMMITTEE:		
Association Dues	25.00	
Attending Finance Comm. Meetings	38.20	
Clerical	25.00	88.20
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary		1,000.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	12.00	
Attending Association Meetings	13.80	
Town Clerk's Bond	10.00	
Clerical	212.10	
Printing and Postage	111.04	
Phone	184.70	
Office Supplies and Repairs	104.86	
Rent of P. O. Box	1.50	650.00
LAW:		
Law Book Fillers	108.00	
Town Attorney	350.00	458.00

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS:

Registrars	358.75	
Elections Officers	1,672.72	
Posting Notices	41.96	
Printing and Postage	319.30	
Street Listing	240.00	
Clerical	183.93	
Repairs to Ballot Boxes	29.50	
Mileage	3.84	2,850.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Professional Services	127.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies	41.18	
"Law and Administration in Mass."	10.00	
Postage	2.50	
Advertising	15.65	196.33

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerical	22.30	
Postage	17.00	
Office Supplies	4.94	44.24

ZONING BY-LAW OFFICER

Salary		325.00
Expense		77.00

OLD TOWN HALL:

Janitor's Salary (40%)	142.40	
Janitors supplies	5.59	
New Door Keys	3.00	
Lights	180.19	
Fuel	299.39	
Repairs and Replacements	313.91	944.48

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:

Janitor's Salary	60.00	
Lights	254.62	
Washing, Patching and Painting Hall	1,085.90	
New Bulletin Board	14.00	
Repairs and Replacements	148.40	1,562.92

TOWN GARAGE:		
Metal File and Cards	5.83	
Water Rent	24.00	
Lights	88.63	
Fuel	145.75	
Phone	113.40	
Repairs and Replacements	96.60	
Cleaning and Painting Equipment	183.83	658.04
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Association Dues	10.00	
Office Supplies	127.78	
Phone	171.40	
Law	45.00	
Radio Service	177.42	
Equipment	57.90	
Oil and Gasoline	1,046.00	
Repairs to Cruiser	84.14	
Repairs to Ambulance	88.86	
Dry Cleaning	16.75	
Films	8.17	
Garage Rent	66.00	
Court	670.00	
Constables Wages	3,953.74	
Constables Mileage	46.24	
School Traffic Officers	1,063.50	
All other Officers	3,094.94	10,727.84
NEW POLICE CRUISER		1,437.05
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Association Dues	13.00	
Fire Engineering Magazine	5.00	
Chief's Salary	600.00	
Outdoor Permits	100.00	
Maintenance, Station	60.25	
Fuel	260.87	
Snow Removal	30.00	
Bardol	48.60	
Office Supplies	10.00	
Radio Service	48.50	

Coats and Gloves	76.74	
Equipment	1,520.70	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	448.61	
Massachusetts Electric Co.	128.42	
State Inspection and Adjustments	49.65	
Oil and Gasoline	247.53	
Tires and Tubes	503.50	
Repairs to Equipment	144.89	
Repairs to Forest Fire Truck	29.30	
Fire Extinguisher check	38.00	
Miscellaneous	7.64	4,371.20
WATER STORAGE HOLES:		
Wages	108.60	
Hired Equipment	182.00	290.60
HYDRANT SERVICE		2,500.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL:		
Wages	237.85	
Spray	77.00	
Equipment	384.00	698.85
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:		
Wages	766.60	
Equipment	433.00	1,199.60
TREE WARDEN:		
Association Dues	2.00	
Superintendent's Wages	687.75	
All other Wages	560.05	1,926.80
FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT:		
Wages		1,988.24
WIRE INSPECTOR		300.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
Printing and Postage	10.50	
Wages	139.50	150.00

DOG OFFICER:		
Fees	772.00	
Expense:		
Advertising and Investigating	11.95	
Other expenses	9.65	
Mileage	52.96	
Burying Dogs	17.00	
New Dog Trap	56.59	148.15
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Salary, Director		112.50
Expense:		
Office Supplies	8.70	
Operation Plans	24.60	
Cartage	14.76	48.06
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	
Attending Health Conferences	10.00	
Agent's Salary	400.00	
Agent's Expense	180.00	
Animal Inspector, Salary	300.00	
Meat Inspector	21.00	
Printing, Postage, etc.	33.02	
Clerical	54.55	
Phone	13.60	
Pest Control	36.00	
Mileage	74.88	
T. B.	440.00	
Veterinary Services	6.00	
Medical Supplies	52.49	
Sanitary Services	181.20	
Premature Babies	771.75	
Sewage Disposal Booklets	103.58	
Polio Clinic	299.95	2,984.02

TOWN DUMP:		
Caretaker's Wages	480.00	
Bulldozing	546.00	
Pest Control	96.00	1,122.00
SEWER MAINTENANCE:		
Commissioners' Salaries		500.00
Maintenance:		
Wages	674.89	
Hired Equipment	295.00	
Material	391.97	
Clerical and Postage	41.28	
Phone	9.65	
Mowing	30.00	
Jacking Pipe	375.00	
Advertising	6.25	
Law	46.00	
Trip to Boston on Interceptor	2.10	
Sewer Disposal	2,471.21	4,340.95
INTERCEPTOR SEWER:		
Wages	180.01	
Hired Equipment	103.00	
Advertising	29.33	
Material	174.85	
Contractor	25,889.59	
Engineers	3,877.35	29,254.13
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81		
Wages	12,833.30	
Insurance	865.50	
Town Equipment	5,046.00	
Hired Equipment	2,359.65	
Material	5,806.87	
Sweeping	1,085.00	
SNOW		
Wages	2,659.03	
Equipment	975.20	
Salt and Sand	1,212.38	32,842.93

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C

Wages	1,789.90	
Town Equipment	661.80	
Hired Equipment	200.00	
Material	345.00	
Signs	103.30	3,100.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90 M

Wages	1,451.05	
Town Equipment	350.20	
Hired Equipment	121.00	
Material	4,077.70	5,999.95

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 782, COLD SPRING RD.

Wages	465.65	
Equipment	696.15	
Material	237.29	
Culverts	118.54	1,517.63

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 782, DANIEL SQUARE

Wages	669.30	
Equipment	583.40	
Culverts and Couplings	265.78	
Material	1,328.25	
Cartage	30.79	2,877.52

HIGHWAYS, STREETS

Wages	518.70	
Hired Equipment	130.00	
Signs	118.80	
Paint	40.50	
Material	984.40	1,792.40

HIGHWAYS, BRUSH CUTTING

Wages	1,542.45	
Equipment	957.00	2,499.45

HIGHWAYS, BARDWELL STREET

Wages	251.80	
Hired Equipment	426.00	
Material	521.50	1,199.30

HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN STREET

Wages	390.80	
Hired Equipment	424.00	
Material	184.74	999.54

HIGHWAYS, ESKETT ROAD

Wages	440.00	
Hired Equipment	294.50	
Tree Removal	202.00	
Material	263.50	1,200.00

HIGHWAYS, GOLD STREET

Wages	300.70	
Tree Removal	72.50	
Hired Equipment	491.00	
Material	335.15	1,199.35

HIGHWAYS, GULF ROAD

Wages	242.20	
Tree Removal	72.50	
Hired Equipment	663.05	
Material	219.90	1,197.65

HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM STREET

Wages	177.75	
Hired Equipment	304.00	
Material	118.25	600.00

HIGHWAYS, ORCHARD STREET

Wages	296.60	
Hired Equipment	531.00	
Material	372.40	1,200.00

HIGHWAYS, RURAL ROAD

Wages	409.20	
Equipment	156.00	
Tree Removal	203.00	
Material	431.25	1,199.45

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

Wages	345.20	

Equipment	534.50	
Material	319.45	1,199.15
HIGHWAYS, TOWN BEACH ROAD		
Wages	96.50	
Hired Equipment	156.00	
Material	247.50	500.00
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES		
Wages	776.40	
Lumber	383.66	
Posts	73.28	
Hired Equipment	280.00	
Culverts	1,181.82	
Bondsville Bridge	74.25	2,769.41
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS		
Wages	166.70	
Material	33.30	200.00
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL		
Wages	4,079.93	
Hired Equipment	2,968.50	
Snow removal, Sidewalks & Parking Lots	605.25	
Material	49.27	
Sand	2,158.11	
Salt	3,257.74	
Cutting Edges	222.84	
Shed Cover	21.60	13,363.24
HIGHWAYS, PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK		6,147.00
HIGHWAYS, PURCHASE NEW PLOW & FRAME		1,847.33
HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINE EXPENSE		
Association dues	2.00	
Wages	73.30	
Repairs to Brockway	142.09	
Repairs to Sander #1	522.32	
Repairs to to Sander #2	160.08	
Repairs to Grader	3,787.67	
Repairs to Ford #3	276.04	

Repairs to Ford #2	263.08	
Repairs to Dodge	196.76	
Repairs to Tractor-Loader	337.81	
Repairs to New Chevy	81.10	
Repairs to Borrowed Roller	30.25	
Stock	316.54	
Hired Equipment	10.00	
Registrations Fees, etc.	24.50	
State Inspection	11.35	
Oil and Gasoline	341.37	
Tires and Tubes	47.50	
Texas Refining Co.	36.60	
Mobil Oil Co.	2,337.65	
State Tax on fuel oil	66.00	
Fuel	66.10	
New Visi Flashers	199.69	
Paint for equipment	35.00	
Cutting Edges	6.00	
Hand Tools and Hardware	152.89	
Cartage	8.95	9,530.64
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		7,415.28
BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT		1,145.46
BOARD OF WELFARE:		
Salaries		675.00
Public Assistance		29,986.41
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
Agent's Salary		300.00
Ordinary Benefits	2,050.99	
Fuel	151.00	
Medication	372.70	
Doctors	178.00	
Dentists	69.00	
Hospital	72.02	2,893.71
FEDERAL GRANTS:		
O.A.A.	16,207.75	
M.A.A.	11,135.23	
A.D.C.	6,881.95	
D.A.	679.39	34,904.32

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee Expense	189.00	
Law Enforcement	20.00	
Superintendent's Salary	10,500.10	
Superintendent's Expense	1,294.77	
Secretary Salary	4,063.54	
All other Salaries	2,401.74	18,469.15

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries	253,268.24	
Substitutes Salaries	2,980.00	
Teachers' Expense	6,685.68	
Classroom Expense	13,643.34	
Textbooks	6,817.64	
Special Classes	92.00	283,486.90

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION:

Janitors' Salaries	23,614.24	
Janitors' Supplies	9,997.69	
Fuel	8,192.03	
Rubbish Removal	15.00	
Trucking	280.00	
School Lunch Director's Salary	403.74	
School Lunch Food Bills	3,558.59	
All other School Lunch Bills	186.39	46,247.68

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Repairs and Replacements		8,421.83
Transportation		39,722.55
Miscellaneous		3,225.83
Capital Outlay		3,094.36

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH

Nurse's Salary	4,700.00	
Substitutes, Salary	120.00	
Nurse's Travel	500.00	
Substitute's Travel	6.40	
School Physician's Salary	500.00	
Medical Supplies	161.21	
Nurse to Conference	34.10	
Mental Health Conference	250.00	
School Consultation	250.00	

All other supplies	72.17	6,593.88
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Director's Salary	6,254.54	
Substitute's Salary	900.00	
Janitor's Salary	198.00	
Fuel	133.46	
Lights	75.58	
New Equipment	11.70	
Food Supplies	106.83	
Water	12.00	
Director to Conference	8.00	
Miscellaneous	6.77	7,709.88
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		1,498.81
Rental		937.25
Public Law 874		7,346.63
Public Law 85-864 Title III		808.88
Public Law 85-864 Title V		69.37
High School Athletic Fund		669.04
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	12,325.90	
Transportation	6,594.50	18,920.40
PURCHASE OF SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY		1,300.00
SMITH HUGHES—GEORGE BARDEN FUND		300.00
NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:		
Furnishings and Equipment	63,898.44	
Science Equip. Under Title III	28,625.00	
Architect	13,766.29	
Contractor	649,485.99	
Telephone	407.47	
Clerk of Works	5,300.00	
Express and Cartage	2.65	
Office Supplies	399.95	
Clerical	1,372.50	
Library	20.28	
Advertising	157.08	
Sidewalk-North Washington St. to school	484.80	
Rubber Stamp	3.90	
Postage	58.85	

Installing Home Gas	570.00	
Bureau of Accounts	52.24	
Inspection of school	87.50	
Law	1,025.00	774,302.94
SCHOOL LUNCH		
Wages	17,247.28	
Transporting Food	258.00	
Food Bills	28,808.51	
All other bills	3,801.95	50,115.74
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:		
Wages	2,183.32	
Lights	259.87	
Fuel	586.08	
Books and Periodicals	1,338.24	
Office supplies	32.85	
Insurance	395.53	
Waterproof Wax	26.25	
Burner Service	28.00	
Mileage	9.60	4,859.74
PARSONS FIELD		
Wages	18.00	
Mowing	194.00	
Grading Softball Diamond	50.00	
Lights	15.00	277.00
TOWN COMMON		
Wages	17.00	
Mowing and Raking	109.50	
Lights	23.07	
Removing Trees	85.00	
U. S. Flag with snaps	45.90	281.27
SUMMER RECREATION		
Swimming Instructor's Salary	150.00	
Wages	48.00	
Sanitizing Bath Houses	157.50	
Police Officer	97.00	
Fence	500.00	

Mowing	5.00	
Plumbing Fittings	50.97	
Hodgen Landscaps Co.	41.60	
Lights	17.81	
Keys	2.67	
Lumber and Hardware	220.94	
Other Supplies	7.50	
Refreshments	5.58	1,304.57
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES		143.77
VETERANS' DAY SERVICES		64.51
INSURANCE		11,496.98
TOWN CLOCK		150.00
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		978.25
APPROPRIATION FOR RETIREMENT		8,016.60
UNPAID BILLS OF 1963		90.50
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT		261.39
PREMIUM ON BOND LOAN		20.46
PREMIUM ON BANK LOAN		3,374.89
STATE RECREATION AREAS		2,443.03
STATE M. V. EXCISE TAX		383.40
CEMETERIES:		
Commissioners' Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Wages	2,404.36	
Grading	68.00	
Terrace Construction	174.00	
Cedar Fence	91.83	
Hired Equipment	34.50	
Sign for Dwight Cemetery	24.00	
Bit. Concrete	61.10	
New Grass Rug	105.39	
Opening and Filling Graves	384.00	
Mowing	1,340.00	
Snow Removal	94.00	
Office Supplies	2.85	
Repairs and Replacements	29.90	
Loam, fill, grass seed and fertilizer	259.55	
Creosote, oil, paint and brushes	15.29	
Gasoline	1.25	
New Trimmer	50.00	

Recording Fees	11.00	5,151.02
LAND FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES		2,500.00
LAY OUT ROADS IN CEMETERY		10.00
INTEREST:		
1949 Sewer Loan	425.00	
1952 School Loan	2,079.00	
1952 School Loan	1,596.00	
1963 Junior-Senior High School Loan	28,830.00	
Temporary Loans	1,445.21	34,375.21
MATURING DEBT:		
General Debt	68,625.11	
Temporary Loans	150,000.00	218,625.11
TRUST FUNDS:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	1,010.22	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	96.79	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	72.04	
Whiting Street Poor Fund	228.39	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	83.08	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,450.00	
War Memorial Fund	5.70	
Vianna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	300.00	
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund	78.00	3,324.22
AGENCY:		
Dog Licenses	1,373.25	
Sporting Licenses	2,615.00	3,988.25
County Tax		16,167.21
1964 T. B. Hospital Deficit		4,744.25
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Federal Withholding	44,810.75	
Retirement	4,338.25	
State Withholding	6,228.33	
Hospital Service	7,549.80	
Group Life Insurance	1,536.92	64,464.05

REFUNDS:		
Taxes:		
Current Year	2,659.99	
Previous Years	16.80	
M. V. and Trailer Excise	5,542.37	8,219.16
		$1,931.808.11
Cash on hand December 31, 1964		345,970.54
		$2,277,778.65

Report of Town Clerk

Minutes of Town Meetings

ACTION TAKEN AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9, 1964

Meeting called to order at 7.31 P. M.—Moderator, Byron Hudson
Voters present, 309—Quorum required, 25

Art. 1. Nominated and elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; and Mr. D. Donald Hazen as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town, as printed in the Town Report with the exception of the Finance Committee Report. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $28,325.00 for Chapter 81 highways. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library the balance of $538.37 of the dog license refund of 1963.
(Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,000.00 for Chapter 90 highways construction program for 1964. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00

and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
(Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Assessors, Cemetery Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:
(Vote unanimous—Yes)

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Tree Warden	2.00 per hour

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1964, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. (2/3 vote required; Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 9. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $820.29 to the Insurance Account. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 10 Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 11 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by re-zoning from the Agricultural District to the business district a portion of the property owned by Herman Minkley and located along the easterly side of North Liberty Street near the junction of Bardwell Street as shown on the official Zoning Map on display. (Map on display) (2/3 vote required; Vote 275 yes, 2 no)

Art. 12. Voted to petition the State Tax Commission for the installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7A of Chapter 58, of the General Laws, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to finance the State Assessment System. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 13. Voted that the sum of $92,000.00 be appropriated to provide funds for the original equipment and furnishings for the new Junior-Senior high school, of which $30,000.00 shall be appropriated from available funds in the treasury, and that the treasurer , with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the balance of $62,000.00 under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor. (2/3 vote required; Vote, yes 247, no 9)

Art. 14. Voted NOT to diminish the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five (5) to three (3) members. (Vote 181 not to diminish, 106 yes to diminish)

Art. 15. Rejected by majority vote.

Art. 16. Voted that the sum of $38,000 be appropriated for the construction of an interceptor sewer to serve Springfield Road and the construction of a lateral sewer on Springfield Road, and that the Board of Sewer Commissioners be authorized to make application for a Federal Grant under the provisions of Public Law 660; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $15,000.00 be appropriated from available funds and $10,000.00 be appropriated from the town stabilization fund, and that the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of $13,000.00 under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue notes of the town therefor payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five (5) years from the date of issue of the first note; and that all funds received from the Federal Government for this purpose shall be used to reduce the amount to be borrowed by the town. (2/3 vote required; Vote, yes 146, no 60)

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the installation of eight (8) 1000 lumen lamps along Mili Valley Road beginning at Pole #25 and ending at Pole #68. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 18. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $20,000.00 for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to purchase six (6) acres of land, more or less, for cemetery purposes, said area to be surveyed at the expense of the seller; and further that the sum of $250.00 be raised and appropriated for laying out roads and burial lots on said tract of land. (2/3 vote required; Vote, 156 yes, 1 no)

Art. 20. Voted to accept from the Kimball family and heirs, the land approximately forty (40) feet by forty (40) feet, known as the "Kimball-Shaw Cemetery", said land located in a southerly direction off Kimball Street in the town of Belchertown. Further, that the town accepts the aforesaid land under the condition that the town funds are not to be expended for the maintenance and upkeep of said cemetery. Furthr, it is expressly understood that the Kimball-Shaw Cemetery. Further, it is agreed that the Kimball Association, so-called, turn over to the town, for deposit with the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the sum of Six Hundred ($600.00) Dollars. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,450.00 to be used for the purchase of a new police cruiser. (Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1963:

Board of Health to Albelene Pest Control	$12.00
Town Dump to Joseph Tolpa	40.00
Town Dump to Belchertown Salvage Co.	38.50

(4/5 vote required; Vote unanimous—Yes)

Art. 23. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, and to raise and appropriate from available funds for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, by general classification, as recomended in the Finance Committee report and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for these purposes, as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer, boards and committees of the town and further that the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $1,500.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus Fund, and that the sum of $3,500.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury.
(Vote unanimous—Yes) *See itemized list on this article.*

Art. 24. Tabled by unanimous vote (Yes).

Art. 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Eskett Street	$1,200.00	So. Washington St.	$1,200.00
Orchard Street	1,200.00	Bardwell Street	1,200.00

Rural Road	1,200.00	Boardman Street	1,000.00
Gold Street	1,200.00	G. Hannum Street	600.00
Gulf Road	1,200.00	Town Beach Rd.	500.00

Total $10,500.00 (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Art. 26. Tabled by unanimous vote (Yes).

Art. 27. Voted to adjourn at 10.30 p.m.

A true copy, Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Article 23—Itemized List

APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 1964

General Government—Item:	
1.—Moderator expense	25.00
2.—Finance Committee expense	90.00
3.—Selectmen:	
Salary, Chairman	575.00
Salary, Other	500.00
Salary, Other	500.00
Salary, Other	500.00
Salary, Other	500.00
Expenses	1,000.00
3a—Zoning By Law Agent	
Salary	300.00
Expenses	100.00
4.—Town Accountant	
Salary	1,200.00
Expenses	75.00
5.—Treasurer	
Salary	2,000.00
Expenses	1,200.00
6.—Clerk	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	650.00
7.—Collector	
Salary	2,300.00
Expenses	1,675.00

8.—Assessors	
Chairman, salary	600.00
Other	500.00
Other	500.00
Wages and expenses	2,450.00
9.—Law expenses	700.00
10.—Elections and Registrations	2,850.00
11.—Planning Board expenses	600.00
12.—Municipal Buildings	
Town Hall	1,000.00
Memorial Hall	2,000.00
Town Garage	1,700.00
Total, Gen. Gov't.	$27,090.00
Protection of Persons and Property—	
13.—Police, wages and expenses	10,450.00
14.—Fire	4,400.00
15.—Forest Fires	1,200.00
16.—Hydrant Service	2,500.00
17.—Sealer of Weights and Measures	150.00
18.—Inspector of Wiring	300.00
19.—Civil Defense	
Salary	150.00
Expenses	150.00
20.—Water Storage Holes (Fire)	300.00
21.—Tree Service	
Tree Warden, wages and exp.	1,450.00
Insect pest control	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00
22.—Board of Appeals	50.00
23.—Dog Officer expense	270.00
Total, Protection	$23,270.00
Health and Sanitation—	
24.—Board of Health	
Chairman, salary	150.00
Other, salary	100.00
Other, salary	100.00
Expenses	1,905.00
25.—Sewers	
Chairman, salary	200.00
Other, salary	150.00

Other, salary	150.00
Expenses	4,400.00
26.—Town Dump	1,164.00
Total, Health	$8,319.00
27.—Highways, General	4,300.00
28.—Bridges	2,700.00
29.—Snow Removal	12,000.00
30.—Sidewalks, maintenance	200.00
31.—Street Lights	7,320.00
Total, Highways	$26,520.00
Charities and Relief—	
32.—Board of Public Welfare	
Chairman, salary	175.00
Other, salary	125.00
Other, salary	125.00
Other, salary	125.00
Other, salary	125.00
Welfare District	1,145.46
Relief, OAA, MAA, ADC, DA	29,650.00
Total, Char. & Rel.	$31,470.46
Veterans Department—	
33.—Veterans' Agent	
Salary	300.00
Benefits and expenses	4,000.00
Total, Veterans	$4,300.00
School Department—	
34.—Schools	
General Control	18,525.00
Instruction	288,239.00
Operation	55,078.00
Maintainance	9,876.00
Transportation	40,865.00
Health	6,685.00
Miscellaneous	3,350.00
Household Arts	7,913.00
Capital Outlay	3,841.00
Library	1,658.00
Vocational Education	22,500.00
Total, Schools	$458,530.00
Clapp Memorial Library—	
35.—Library	$2,000.00

Parks, Beach and Recreation—		
36.—Parsons Memorial Field	350.00	
37.—Town Common	350.00	
38.—Summer Recreation and Beach	1,200.00	
Total, Parks, etc.	$1,900.00	
Cemeteries—		
39.—Commissioners		
Chairman, salary	150.00	
Other, Salary	100.00	
Other, Salary	100.00	
General care and expenses	4,511.00	
Soldiers' graves, expenses	200.00	
Total, Cemeteries	$5,061.00	
Pensions and Insurance—		
40.—Town Employees, pensions	8,016.60	
41.—Insurance		
General	11,686.70	
Health (Town share)	3,449.00	
Life (Town share)	741.00	
Total, Pens. and Ins.	$23,893.30	
Unclassified Items—		
42.—Memorial Day Services	200.00	
Veterans' Day Services	60.00	
Town Clock	150.00	
Town Report	1,000.00	
Misc. Unclassified	450.00	
Total, Unclass.	$1,860.00	
Maturing Debt and Interest—		
43.—Sewer Loans, principal (1949)	2,000.00	
School Loans, prin. (1952)	20,000.00	
School Loan, prin. (1963)	46,625.11	
Sewer Loan, interest (1949)	425.00	
School Loan, interest (1952)	3,675.00	
School Loan, Int. (1963)	28,830.00	
Temporary Notes, interest	1,500.00	
Total, Debt and Int.	$103,055.11	
TOTALS—		
General Government		$27,090.00
Protection of Persons and Property		23,270.00
Health and Sanitation		8,319.00
Highways and Sidewalks		26,520.00

Charities and Relief	31,470.46
Veterans' Department	4,300.00
School Department	458,530.00
Clapp Memorial Library	2,000.00
Parks, Beach and Recreation	1,900.00
Cemeteries	5,061.00
Pensions and Insurance	23,893.30
Unclassified Items	1,860.00
Maturing Debt and Interest	103,055.11
Approp. from available funds	3,500.00
Approp. from Overlay Surplus Fund	1,500.00

Total, Article 23—$722,268.87

A true copy, Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

ITEMIZED LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

Art. No.	*Raise & Appro.*	*Avbl. Funds*	*Auth. to borrow*
1. Elected persons	None	None	None
2. Accepted			
3. Chapter 81 highways	4,500.00	28,325.00	
4. Dog fund to library		538.37	
5. Chap. 90 h'ways constr.	6,000.00	18,000.00	
6. Chap. 90 h'way maintenance	1,000.00	6,000.00	
7. Authorization			
8. Authorization			
9. Ins. Reserve to Ins. Acc't.		820.29	
10. Rd. Mach. Earn. to Exp. Act.		3,000.00	
11. Voted to rezone			
12. State assessment system	200.00		
13. New Jr.-Sr. H. S.		30,000.00	62,000.00
14. Not accepted			
15. Rejected			
16. Sewer project		15,000.00	13,000.00
Art. 16	Stab. Fund	10,000.00	
17. Street lights added	200.00		

18. Assessors use		20,000.00
19. Cemetery purchase	2,750.00	
20. Accepted		
21. Police cruiser	1,450.00	
22. Bills of 1963	90.50	
23. Voted by classification	717,268.87	3,500.00
Art. 23		1,500.00 Ov. Sur.
24. Tabled		
25. Streets	10,500.00	
26. Tabled		
27. Voted to adjourn		
Raise and appropriated		$743,959.37
From available funds		136,683.66
To be borrowed		75,000.00
Grand Total		$955,643.03

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 1, 1964

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1964, the sum of $1,296.50, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Daniel Square, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Cold Spring Road, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 1, 1964

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P.M.—Byron Hudson, Moderator

Voters present—34, Quorum required—25

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,296.50 to the Clapp Memorial Library, which sum has been received by the town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1964. (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Art. 3. Voted the sum of $3,000.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Daniel Square, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds when received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962. (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Art. 4. Voted the sum of $2,231.12 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Cold Spring Road, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $2,231.12 be transferred from the proceeds when received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962. (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Appropriated from available funds: Art. 1., $3,000.00; Art. 2., $1,296.50; Art. 3., $3,000.00; Art. 4., $2,231.12—Total of $9,527.62.

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1964

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Hampshire, ss.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said county;

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in the State Elections, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

In Precinct A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street
In Precinct B, at Franklin School in Franklin Street
Tuesday, November 3, 1964 at eight (8) o'clock A.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the election officers for the election of the following; Electors of President and Vice President;

Senator in Congress; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Representative in Congress; Councillor; Senator; Representative in General Court (1); Clerk of Courts; Register of Deeds; County Commissioner (2); also to vote Yes or No on the following Questions:

QUESTION #1 **Proposed Amendment To The Constitution**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held March 29, 1961, received 219 votes in the affirmative and 26 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 8, 1963, received 244 votes in the affirmative and 14 in the negative? **Yes**

No

Summary

The proposed amendment provides that the terms of office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General and Auditor shall be four years. Executive Councillors, Senators and Representatives shall continue to serve for two years. The four-year term for constitutional officers would become effective at the time of the November election in the year 1966.

QUESTION #2 **Proposed Amendment to the Constitution**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 18, 1962, received 238 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 8, 1963, received 246 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative? **Yes**

No

Summary

In the event that any public office, whether elective or appointive, shall become vacant as a result of enemy attack, the proposed amendment would enable the General Court to provide for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of such offices, and to take steps to insure continuity of government of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

QUESTION #3 **Proposed Amendment To The Constitution**

Do you approve ofthe adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held March 29, 1961, received 251 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 8, 1963, received 252

votes in the affirmative and 3 in the negative? Yes
No

Summary

The proposed amendment provides that the credit of the Commonwealth may be given, loaned or pledged only by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. In no event shall the credit of the Commonwealth be given or loaned to or for any individual, private association or corporation privately owned or managed.

QUESTION #4 **Proposed Amendment To The Constitution**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 18, 1962, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 24 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 8, 1963, received 258 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative? Yes
No

Summary

The proposed amendment authorizes both the Governor and the Executive Council to require opinions of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on questions of law. The present requirement that the Governor and Council agree before a question may be submitted would be annulled.

QUESTION #5 **Low Proposed By Initiative Petition**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 109 in the affirmative and 109 in the negative and was disapproved in the Senate by a vote of 16 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?
Yes
No

Summary

The proposed measure provides that henceforth appointments in the executive branch of the government shall not require the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Exceptions to this provision include appointments to the Youth Service Board, Industrial Accident Board, Commission of the Department of Public Utilities, Parole Board and Appellate Tax Board, which appointments shall continue to require Council action. However, should the Council fail to act upon such appointments within thirty calendar days, then the person involved shall be deemed to have been lawfully appointed. Any appointment in the executive branch by an officer other than the Governor which heretofore required Council approval shall henceforth require approval by the Governor. Removals from office shall no longer require the advice and consent of the Council, except in the case of the Youth Service Board, which removals must still receive Council approval. As in the case of appointments still requiring Council approval, such recommended removal from the Youth Service Board must be acted upon by the Council within thirty calendar days; otherwise the proposed removal shall become effective as if approval had been given. In the case of any appointment which heretofore required Council approval the Governor may, within fifteen days of the making of the appointment, remove the person appointed without cause.

The Council shall no longer be required to approve the fixing of any compensation for services rendered in the executive department. And henceforth there need be no approval by the Council of actions or agreements by executive officers, including but not limited to borrowings and loans, investments, Leases, licenses, purchases and conveyances, and contracts, and also including the promulgation of rules and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Governor shall at all times remain free to seek the advice and consent of the Council upon any matter.

QUESTION #6 **Law Submitted Upon Referendum After Passage**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 180 in the affirmative and 40 in the negative and was approved in the Senate by a vote of 28 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

Yes
No

Summary

Under the Act, effective as of January 1, 1964, each member of the General Court shall receive seventy-eight hundred dollars for each regular annual session, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive the same amount as additional compensation, and the floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the Senate and House, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of that committee of the House, shall each receive thirty-nine hundred dollars as additional compensation, to be paid as provided in the Act.

After the same date the annual expense allowance is to be six hundred dollars for each member and the travel allowance is to be eight cents per mile with a stated minimum and an alternative, and a member chosen to fill a vacancy or who resigns during a session is to be entitled to per diem compensation at the rate for each regular annual session and to the allowances for travel and other expenses for the time of his membership.

It is also provided that in addition to the compensation for the 1963 annual session the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall be paid thirty-nine hundred dollars, the floor leaders of each major political party in the Senate and House, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of that committee of the House, shall be paid twenty-nine hundred and twenty-five dollars and each other member shall be paid nineteen hundred and fifty dollars. Each member shall also be entitled to an additional expense allowance of two hundred dollars for the calendar year 1963 and the travel allowance shall be at the rate of eight cents per mile with a stated minimum and an alternative for the balance of the calendar year 1963.

QUESTION #7

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)? Yes

No

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)? Yes

No

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises? Yes

No

The Polls in the Central Polling place will be open from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the office of the Selectmen. (FOR PARTIAL BALLOTS and ABSENTEE BALLOTS Only)

The polls in Precincts A and B will be open at eight (8) o'clock A.M. and will close at eight (8) o'clock P.M., and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places, Lawrence Memorial Hall, the bulletin boards at Gulf & Federal Streets, Bay Road & Metacomet Street, Rockrimmon & Turkey Hill Roads, South & South Liberty Streets, Keyes & Depot Streets, and on the Old Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Fifteenth day of October 1964 A.D.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS, Chairman
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.
Board of Selectmen of Belchertown

True copies posted on October 17th, 1964
ATTEST: Ernest M. Gay
Constable

Results In Statistical Insert

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 1964

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the School Department Operation account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Rental Account or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 1964

Meeting opened by the Town Clerk at 7.35 P.M.
Harold F. Peck elected as Moderator

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote unanimous, Yes)

Art. 2. Voted to transfer from the School Department Operation Account the sum of $1,500.00 to the School Department Rental Account. (Vote unanimous, Yes)
(The Town Finance Committee gave their unanimous written approval or recommendation on this article.)

Art. 3. Voted to adjourn at 7.48 P.M.

Appropriated from available funds: Art. 1., $3,000.00; Art. 2., $1,500.00—Total, $4,500.00.

ANNUAL ELECTION, MARCH 2, 1964

Office	Name	Prec. A Votes	Pr. B	Total
Moderator for 1 year—vote for one				
	Henry Renouf	436	127	563
	Byron A. Hudson	532	69	601
Town Clerk for 1 year				
	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	891	176	1067
Selectmen for 3 years—vote for two				
	Michael S. Mathras	460	107	567
	Arthur J. Moriarty	173	172	345
	William H. Squires, Jr.	433	28	461
	William Gerry Whitlock	432	25	457
	Richard O. Clark	141	13	154
	John J. Cyran	27	3	30
	Jane L. Gawlik	113	23	136
Selectman for 1 year—vote for one				
	Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	523	85	608
	Theodore W. Smist	449	102	551
Town Treasurer for 3 years				
	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	900	180	1080
Board of Health for 3 years				
	Kenneth L. Collard	899	169	1068
Tree Warden for 1 year				
	Albert W. Brown	895	182	1077
Sewer Commissioner for 3 years				
	Harry L. Brougham	848	158	1006
School Committee for 3 years—vote for two				
	David A. Staples	600	88	688
	Harold W. Willey	637	154	791
	John C. Carr	214	80	294
	Andrew G. Ketchen	403	52	455
Assessor for 3 years—vote for one				
	Harold B. Ketchen	384	32	416
	Max J. Sliwa	250	141	391
	Charles F. Howard	326	32	358

Assessor for 1 year—vote for one			
Doris S. Squires	615	88	703
Samuel Jay Joyal	358	113	471
Planning Board for 5 years—vote for one			
William H. Henneman, Jr.	504	157	661
Donald Perham	452	32	484
Planning Board for 4 years—vote for one			
James F. Hayward	439	58	497
Robert P. Sutcliffe	338	96	434
Ralph F. Pittsley	160	31	191
Planning Board for 3 years—vote for one			
Donald S. Cole	670	134	804
Wilfred E. Lemire	278	69	347
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years—vote for one			
Lincoln A. Cook	609	142	751
Sidney T. Wheble	347	42	389

Ballots cast at Precinct A—977 Ballots cast at Precinct B—223
Absentee Ballots cast at Precinct A—11 Total Vote—1231

Report of registered voters of Belchertown at the close of registration February 11, 1964, 10:00 P.M.:

	Men	Women	Total
Precinct A	755	780	1535
Precinct B	164	154	318
Totals	919	934	1853

Registered voters with party designation and independent

	Men		*Women*		*Totals*
	Precinct		Precinct		
Republican	223	16	219	14	472
Democrat	132	45	119	44	340
Independent	400	103	442	96	1041
	755	164	780	154	1853

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampshire SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Belchertown

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are required hereby to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in

Lawrence Memorial Hall - Precinct A and Franklin School - Precinct B

TUESDAY, the Twenty-eighth Day of April, 1964

at 12:00 o'clock noon for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

58 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party
43 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party
10 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party
10 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party
2 District Delegates to the convention of the National Democratic Party -2nd Distric
2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party - 2nd District
2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party -2nd Distric
2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party - 2nd District

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man & One Woman) for each political party for the Worcester-Hampden Senatorial District

35 Members of the Democratic Town Committee

35 Members of the Republican Town Committee

Presidential Preference

The Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of April, A.D. 1964.

Michael S. Mathias
William H. Squires Jr.
Earl H. Fennick
Frank E. Lamontagne Jr.

Selectmen of Belchertown

A true copy.
Attest:
Ernest M. Gay
Constable

Posted; April 16 1964

Presidential Primary April 28, 1964
REPUBLICAN

Delegates to National Convention	Prec. A	Prec. B		Blanks	Total
Group 1					
Leverett Saltonstall	25	3			
Edward W. Brooke	24	2			
Joseph William Martin, Jr.	23	0			
John A. Volpe	26	3			
Richard F. [illegible] Treadway	24	0			
Mary R. Wheeler	22	0			
Georgia E. Ireland	22	0			
Christian A. Herter	23	3			
Bruce Crane	23	1			
George C. Lodge	25	4			
Group 2					
Michael Robbins	4	1			
Jack E. Molesworth	5	2			
Paul J. Kelley	4	1			
Bernice L. Beckwith	4	2			
Raymond F. Friesecke	4	1			
Daniel J. Carmen	5	2			
J. Laurence McCarty	4	3			
Shepard A. Spunt	4	1			
Elliott K. Slade, Jr.	4	1	Votes		
Marshall G. Sade	4	1	310	500	810
Alternate Delegates to Nat'l Con.					
Group 1					
Philip A. Graham	23	0			
Elmer C. Nelson	22	1			
Hastings Keith	22	0			
Philip K. Allen	23	0			
Margaret M. Heckler	23	0			
Russell G. Simpson	22	1			
James H. Henderson	23	0			
Irene K. Thresher	22	1			
Sidney O. Curtiss	23	1			
Richard E. Mastrangelo	22	0			
Group 2					
Gerrald A. Giblin	4	3			
Joseph Alan MacKay	4	2			
Raymond F. Walsh	4	4			
Robert J. Gilkie	4	2			
Dorothy E. Graham	4	2			
Sylvia G. Sanders	4	2			
Frederick J. Mahoney, Jr.	4	3			
Jack A. Wilson	4	2			
Thomas J. Barry	4	3	Votes		
Gerald G. Aransky	4	2			
			294	516	810
District Delegates Group 1					
John R. Auchter	23	4			
Lloyd W. Fradet	19	3			
Group 2					
George C. Keady, Jr.	11	2			
Frank M. Freedman	10	1			
Not grouped					
R. Kenneth Perry	4	2	Votes		
			79	83	162
Alternate District Delegates					
Celeste R. Adams Group 1	21	2			
Alberta C. Settle	19	2			
Muriel R. Klein Group 2	8	1			
James S. Bulkley	10	3			
Edward A. Ludwig Not Grouped	2	2			
Steven Scudder	4	1	Votes		
			75	87	162

Presidential Primary (cont)   Republican

			Votes	Blanks	Total
State Committee (Man)					
Harlow E. Jones	45	6			
Albert E. Proulx	8	1	Votes 60	21	81
State Committee (Woman)					
Doris R. Garbose	49	5	54	27	81
Town Committee					
Alice Whittaker	57	5			
Earl F. Henrichon	55	6			
Doris M. Dickinson	55	4			
Ann A. Pelczarski	54	5			
Isaac A. Hodgen	63	5			
Priscilla H. Ketchen	56	4			
Fred K. Thayer	60	5			
Byron A. Hudson	61	5			
Stanford J. Harrington	58	6			
Belding F. Jackson	57	5			
Charlotte P. Ketchen	53	4			
David G. Hodgen	55	5			
Alma S. Lindquist	53	4			
Milton R. Locke	54	4			
Gould Ketchen	62	4			
Ruthella M. Tucker	56	4			
William Gerry Whitlock	60	6			
William H. Squires, Jr.	59	8			
Louis E. Fuller	62	7			
John V. Nelson	55	4			
Ann C. Austin	56	5			
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	54	7			
Donald Perham	55	5			
E. Holland Low	53	4			
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	62	6			
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	52	6			
Albert W. Brown	57	8			
James F. Hayward	53	5			
Herbert E. Squires	59	6			
Donald S. Cole	55	7			
Kenneth H. Hain	57	5			
David A. Staples	62	6			
Milton C. Baggs	59	4			
Blake S. Jackson	58	4			
Lucy J. Hislop	55	4	2174	661	2835
Presidential Preference					
Lodge	36	3			
Goldwater	6	0			
Nixon	7	0			
Smith	2	0			
Rockefeller	1	0	55	26	81

Presidential Primary
Democrat

April 28, 1964

Delegates to National Convention	Prec. A	Prec. B	Votes	Blanks	Total
John F. Albano	16	3			
Ruth M. Batson	11	3			
John S. Begley	30	3			
J. William Belanger	14	4			
Francis X. Bellotti	23	3			
Thomas J. Buckley	24	3			
William T. Buckley	19	3			
James A. Burke	17	3			
John P. S. Burke	14	3			
Garrett H. Byrne	15	3			
Robert V. Cauchon	12	3			
Bernard Cohen	12	3			
John F. Collins	19	3			
John W. Costello	16	3			
James R. Craven, Jr.	15	3			
John F. X. Davoren	15	3			
Harry Della Russo	14	3			
John T. Dias	11	4			
Gerard F. Doherty	20	3			
John Thomas Driscoll	19	3			
William P. Driscoll	14	3			
Howard W. Fitzpatrick	15	3			
Mary L. Fonseca	15	3			
A. Frank Foster	13	3			
Foster Furloco	20	3			
Edward P. Gilgun	11	3			
William Hartigan	15	3			
James W. Hennigan, Jr.	17	3			
John B. Hynes	16	3			
Walter J. Kelliher	14	3			
George V. Kenneally, Jr.	14	3			
Edward M. Kennedy	28	6			
Robert Francis Kennedy	25	5			
Daniel M. Keyes, Jr.	26	3			
Ida R. Lyons	11	3			
Torbert H. MacDonald	15	3			
Timothy A. Mantalos	8	3			
Norman Mason	10	3			
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	25	3			
John W. McCormack	24	3			
Patrick J. McDonough	14	3			
Nicholas P. Morrissey	10	3			
Daniel F. O'Brien	15	3			
Thomas P. O'Neill	14	3			
Endicott Peabody	30	4			
Francis G. Poitract	9	5			
Charles V. Ryan, Jr.	25	3			
Benjamin A. Smith	15	3			
Edward J. Sullivan	15	3			
Sherwood J. Tarlow	10	3			
Balcom S. Taylor	10	3			
Betty Taymor	11	4			
John F. Thompson	23	3			
James A. Williams	9	3			
Kevin H. White	22	3			
Thomas J. White	13	3			
			1096	1816	2912

Presidential Primary (cont) Democrat

Alternate Delegates	Prc. A	Prec. B	Votes	Blank	Total
Samuel H. Beer	9	2			
Margaret M. Breen	8	2			
William F. Brewin	9	2			
Thomas P. Broderick	9	2			
James F. Burke	11	3			
Joseph C. Casdin	9	2			
Charles N. Collatos	12	2			
Joseph A. DeGuglielmo	8	2			
Henry C. Donnelly	11	2			
Donald J. Dowd	20	3			
Rubin Epstein	7	2			
John T. Farrell, Jr.	11	2			
Joseph F. Feeney	8	2			
William J. Foley, Jr.	12	2			
Charles J. Hamilton	9	2			
John E. Harrington, Jr.	16	2			
Charles V. Hogan	11	2			
Lester S. Hyman	8	2			
Carl R. Johnson, Jr.	10	2			
Frank H. Kelleher	12	2			
Edward King	15	3			
Philip Kramer	9	5			
Edward Krock	11	3			
Lawrence R. Laughlin	10	2			
James P. Loughlin	10	2			
Edward C. Maher	9	4			
Vincent Mannering	8	2			
Francis V. Matera	10	4			
James R. McIntyre	11	2			
Dennis L. McKenna	7	2			
Paul C. Menton	9	2			
Dace J. Moore	8	2			
Edward S. Moss	8	2			
Bernard T. Moynihan	13	2			
Paul V. Mullaney	10	2			
George F. O'Meara, Jr.	10	2			
James R. Purdy	8	3			
Robert H. Quinn	14	2			
Earl J. Riley	9	2			
Anthony M. Scibelli	19	3			
Bernard Solomon	13	3			
Daniel M. Walsh, Jr.	20	3			
Albert H. Zabriskie	9	3			
			565	1671	2236
District Delegates					
Edward P. Boland	34	4			
Matthew J. Ryan, Jr.	33	4	75	29	104
Alternate District Delegates					
Roger L. Bernashe	31	2			
Stanley John Zarod	33	3			
			69	35	104
State Committee (Men)					
Stanley J. Murek	15	6			
Frederick J. Messier	4	0			
Dominic P. Petracone	11	2			
Frederick W. Schlosstein, Jr.	6	0			
			44	8	52
State Committee (Women)					
Doris M. Racicot	28	6			
			34	18	52
Presidential Preference					
Johnson	20	4			
Stevenson	2	0			
Kennedy, Robert	2	0			
			28	24	52

Presidentail Primary (cont) Democrat

Town Committee	Prec A	Prec B	Votes	Blanks	Total
Michael S. Mathras	32	5			
Robert P. Sutcliffe	30	3			
Arthur J. Moriarty	33	7			
Albert F. Lobida	29	5			
Helen L. Papp	32	2			
Edith Depot	29	2			
John C. Carr	29	2			
J. Bernard Bowler	32	7			
Harold W. Willey	33	4			
William H. Hennemann, Jr.	34	2			
James B. Baker	29	2			
Wilfred E. Lemire	30	2			
Geraldine M. Baker	29	2			
Helen Renouf	28	2			
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	31	2			
Mabel M. Depot	28	2			
John W. Avery	34	2			
Maude LaCross	28	3			
Max J. Sliwa	32	6			
Arthur H. Brennan	32	2			
Phyllis M. Flaherty	31	2			
Stephanie Moriarty	29	6			
Warren P. Barrett	29	2			
Francis E. Goodrow	30	2			
Edmund A. Blaine	27	2			
Theodore W. Swist	32	4			
Samuel Jay Joyal	32	2			
Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	34	3			
Francis Paul Loftus	32	3			
Vivian I. Czupkiewicz	24	4			
Chester A. Pinkos	29	2			
Rose A. Joyal	30	2			
James O. Joyal	30	2			
Minnie Flaherty	1	0			
			1104	655	1760

Registered voters as of close of registration Mar. 30, 1964

Independent	Democrat	Republican	Total
1073	339	478	1890

Report of persons voting at Presidential Primary Apr. 28, 1964

	Republican	Democrat	Total
Precinct A.	71	44	115
Precinct B.	10	8	18
	81	52	133

Registered Voters by Party & Precinct

Precinct	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Totals
A	252	446	868	1566
B	87	32	205	324
	339	478	1073	1890

attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampshire ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of **BELCHERTOWN**

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in **Precinct A - Lawrence Memorial Hall and Precinct B - Franklin School Belchertown**

Thursday, the Tenth Day of September, 1964

at **12:00 noon** o'clock **to 7:00 P.** M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	For this Commonwealth	
GOVERNOR	" " "	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	" " "	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	" " "	
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH	" " "	
TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL	" " "	
AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH	" " "	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	" **2nd**	Congressional District
COUNCILLOR	" **7th**	Councillor "
SENATOR	**Worcester - Hampden**	Senatorial "
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	**4th Hampshire**	Representative "
Clerk of Courts, (Except Suffolk County)	" **Hampshire**	County
In Suffolk County ONLY:		
Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County	" **- - - - -**	County
Clerk of Superior Court for Civil Business for Suffolk County	" **- - - - -**	County
Clerk of Superior Court for Criminal Business for Suffolk County	" **- - - - -**	County
Register of Deeds	" **Hampshire**	District
County Commissioner (2) (Except Nantucket and Suffolk Counties)	" **Hampshire**	County
In Suffolk County ONLY:		
Commissioner to Apportion Suffolk County	" **- - - - -**	District
VACANCY		
In Essex County: A Sheriff	" **- - - - -**	County

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this **twenty-seventh** day of ~~September~~ **August**, A.D. 1964.

Michael L. [illegible]
Frank E. Farrington
Earl T. [illegible]
William H. Squires Jr.
Walter R. [illegible]

Selectment of

Belchertown

A true copy.

Attest:

Ernest M. [illegible] Constable

Posted, ~~September~~ Aug. 27 1964.

DEMOCRAT STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 10, 1964 DEMOCRAT

			Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Senator in Congress	- Edward M. Kennedy		94	20	114
		Blanks	17	7	24
					138
Governor	- Endicott Peabody		67	13	80
	Francis X. Bellotti		43	11	54
	Pasquale Caggiano		1	0	1
	John J. Droney		0	1	1
		Blanks	0	2	2
					138
Lieut. Governor	- John W. Costello		100	19	119
		Blanks	11	8	19
					138
Attorney General	- James W. Hennigan, Jr.		97	17	114
		Blanks	14	10	24
					138
Secretary	- Kevin H. White		95	18	113
		Blanks	16	9	25
					138
Treasurer	- Robert Q. Crane		48	5	53
	John Joseph Buckley		23	3	26
	Louise Day Hicks		3	0	3
	John F. Kennedy		28	12	40
		Blanks	9	7	16
					138
Auditor	- Thomas J. Buckley		70	11	81
	Raymond I. Rigney		1	0	1
		Blanks	40	16	56
					138
Congressman	- Edward P. Boland		101	22	123
		Blanks	10	5	15
					138
Councillor	- Walter F. Kelly		83	15	98
	John Rossi		15	3	18
		Blanks	13	9	22
					138
Senator	- Paul H. Benoit		84	17	101
	Emery C. Demers		19	4	23
		Blanks	8	6	14
					138
Representative in General Court	-James R. Nolen		99	19	118
		Blanks	12	8	20
					138
Clerk of Courts	- David W. Cramer		63	9	72
	Salvatore A. Polito		12	3	15
	Edwin C. Warner		25	10	35
		Blanks	11	5	16
					138
Register of Deeds	- Robert F. Czelusniak		55	15	70
	John B. McCarthy		48	10	58
		Blanks	8	2	10
					138
County Commissioners	- Edwin M. Podolak		91	19	110
	John H. Breguet		44	6	50
	Walter Szary		31	11	42
		Blanks	56	18	74
					276

	Republican	Democrat
Ballots cast in Precinct A.	106	111
Ballots cast in Precinct B.	16	27
Totals	122	138

Ballots cast at State Primary - 260 out of 1847 Reg. voters

.14% voters

REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 10, 1964 REPUBLICAN

Office	Candidate		Precinct A	Precinct B	Total
Senator in Congress	Howard Whitmore, Jr.		94	12	106
		Blanks	12	4	16
					122
Governor	John A. Volpe		97	15	112
		Blanks	9	1	10
					122
Lieut Governor	Elliot L. Richardson		100	13	113
		Blanks	6	3	9
					122
Att'y General	Edward W. Brooke		101	13	114
		Blanks	5	3	8
					122
Secretary	Wallace B. Crawford		98	13	111
		Blanks	8	3	11
					122
Treasurer	Robert C. Hahn		100	13	113
		Blanks	6	3	9
					122
Auditor	Elywnn J. Miller		97	12	109
		Blanks	9	4	13
					122
Congressman	William G. Whitlock		1	0	1
		Blanks	105	16	121
					122
Councillor	Elton R. Yasuna		86	12	98
		Blanks	20	4	24
					122
Senator	Robert F. Smith		88	9	97
	George A. Tetreault, Jr.		11	5	16
		Blanks	7	2	9
					122
Representative in General Court	Joseph F. Austin		104	16	120
		Blanks	2	0	2
					122
Clerk of Courts	Merrill E. Torrey		101	14	115
		Blanks	5	2	7
					122
Register of Deeds	Hazel A. Culver		64	8	72
	Felix W. Borawski		40	8	48
		Blanks	2	0	2
					122
County Commissioners	Raymond A. Lyman		43	7	50
	Kenneth B. Bowen		64	5	69
	LeRoy A. Nutting		81	13	94
		Blanks	24	7	31
					244

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Registered Voters as of AUGUST 7, 1964 10:00 P.M.

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	765	776	1541
Precinct B	158	148	306
	923	924	1847

Registered by Party Designation

	Men Precinct A	Men Precinct B	Women Precinct A	Women Precinct B	Totals Precinct A - B
REP.	228	19	225	15	487
DEM.	129	40	121	42	332
IND.	408	99	430	91	1028
Totals	765	158	776	148	1847

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

General Election held November 3, 1964

Office	Candidate		Precinct A	Precinct B	Absent & partial	To
Elector of President & Vice President						
	Goldwater & Miller		414	36	17	46
	Hass & Blomen		2	2	0	
	Johnson & Humphrey		906	236	17	115
	Munn & Shaw		1	0	1	
	Lodge		1	0	0	
	Blanks		20	4	0	2
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Senator in Congress						
	Edward M. Kennedy		859	235	13	110
	Howard Whitmore, Jr.		572	38	17	62
	Lawrence Gilfedder		1	0	0	
	Grace F. Luder		2	1	0	
	Blanks		10	4	5	1
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Governor						
	Francis X. Bellotti		578	171	7	75
	John A. Volpe		750	97	23	87
	Francis A. Votano		1	0	0	
	Guy S. Williams		0	0	0	
	Blanks		15	10	5	3
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Lieutenant Governor						
	John W. Costello		520	162	8	69
	Elliot L. Richardson		784	98	23	90
	Edgar E. Gaudet		3	0	0	
	Prescott E. Grout		3	1	0	
	Blanks		34	17	4	5
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Attorney General						
	Edward W. Brooke		1026	142	26	119
	James W. Hennigan, Jr.		293	124	5	42
	Willy N. Hogseth		4	0	0	
	Howard B. Rand		3	1	0	
	Blanks		18	11	4	3
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Secretary						
	Kevin H. White		759	210	15	98
	Wallace B. Crawford		536	50	16	60
	Fred M. Ingersoll		4	0	0	
	Julia B. Kohler		4	1	0	
	Blanks		41	17	4	6
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Treasurer						
	Robert Q. Crane		664	191	10	86
	Robert C. Hahn		626	63	18	70
	Warren C. Carberg		7	1	1	
	Arne A. Sortell		4	0	0	
	Blanks		43	23	6	7
		Totals	1344	278	35	165
Auditor						
	Thaddeus Buczko		608	195	9	8
	Elwynn J. Miller		648	62	19	7
	John Charles Hedges		27	1	0	
	Ethelbert L. Nevens		5	0	0	
	Blanks		56	20	7	
		Totals	1344	278	35	16

General Election held November 3, 1964

fice	Candidate	Precinct A	Precinct B	Absent & partial	Total
ngressman					
	Edward P. Boland	1093	236	22	1351
	Silvio Conte	2	0	0	2
	Donald Dunbar	1	0	0	1
	Blanks	248	42	13	303
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
vernors Councillor					
	Walter F. Kelly	725	194	10	929
	Elton R. Yasuna	535	58	17	610
	Blanks	84	26	8	118
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
nator					
	Philip A. Quinn	532	172	10	714
	Robert F. Smith	760	91	17	868
	Blanks	52	15	8	75
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
presentative in General Court					
	James R. Nolen	527	149	6	682
	Joseph F. Austin	803	120	25	948
	Blanks	14	9	4	27
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
erk of Courts					
	Merrill E. Torrey	844	91	24	959
	Salvatore A. Polito	448	166	4	618
	Blanks	52	21	7	80
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
gister of Deeds					
	Hazel A. Culver	754	82	19	855
	Robert F. Czelusniak	552	180	9	741
	Blanks	38	16	7	61
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
unty Commissioners (2)					
	Raymond A. Lyman	694	73	21	788
	Edwin M. Podolak	585	191	12	788
	Kenneth B. Bowen	527	60	17	604
	John H. Briguet	402	110	5	517
	Blanks	480	122	15	617
	Totals	2688	556	70	3314
estion # 1					
	Yes	715	130	21	866
	No	398	74	6	478
	Blanks	231	74	8	313
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
estion # 2					
	Yes	938	163	27	1128
	No	142	33	0	175
	Blanks	264	82	8	354
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
estion # 3					
	Yes	875	149	26	1050
	No	182	43	2	227
	Blanks	287	86	7	380
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657

General Election held November 3, 1964

Office	Candidate	Precinct A	Precinct B	Absent & partial	Tot
Question # 4					
	Yes	887	160	25	1072
	No	159	35	0	194
	Blanks	298	83	10	391
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
Question # 5					
	Yes	648	115	14	777
	No	394	77	10	481
	Blanks	302	86	11	399
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
Question # 6					
	Yes	392	80	15	487
	No	625	110	11	746
	Blanks	327	88	9	424
	Totals	1344	278	35	1657
Question # 7	A - Yes	886	190	19	1095
	A - No	266	34	8	308
	A - Blanks	192	54	8	254
	A - Totals	1344	278	35	1657
	B- Yes	848	181	19	1048
	B- No	283	33	7	323
	B- Blanks	243	64	9	316
	B- Totals	1344	278	35	1657
	C - Yes	877	181	20	1078
	C - No	246	36	7	289
	C - Blanks	221	61	8	290
	C - Totals	1344	278	35	1657

Voted at Precinct A - - - - - - - - 1344
Voted at Precinct B - - - - - - - - 278
Absentee ballots Central count A 30
Absentee ballots Central count B 2
Partial ballots Central count 3
Total vote - 1657

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Registered Voters at the close of Registration October 2, 1964 10:00 PM

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	777	796	1573
Precinct B	166	159	325
	943	955	1898

Registered by party designation or independent

	MEN		WOMEN		
	Precinct		Precinct		
	A	B	A	B	Totals
Republican	233	23	224	17	497
Democrat	152	44	142	45	383
Independent	392	99	430	97	1018
	777	166	796	159	1898

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

PARSONS FIELD

As in the past, Parsons Field had a busy season with activities of both soft and hard ball games. The Committee received a request for new base bags which was favored by all. A request will be in the Budget to acquire new ones to replace those which have about deteriorated. It was agreed to have the teams be responsible for the new ones after each game so that the new bags could be taken care of and kept in a suitable place until needed.

With the new high school building in operation and the new ball diamond ready for use, the committee will continue the upkeep on Parsons Field as in the past to assure all interested in sports that it will be available as before.

The Committee wishes to express their appreciation to all for keeping vandalism down during the past year.

TOWN BEACH

With our new Bath House in operation and the grounds in good condition, the Beach was used quite fully. The swimming program was carried out by Mr. John Cushing of Bay Road, Amherst, who should be congratulated for a fine job. Most townspeople read his weekly progress report on the program.

Final projects for the coming year is to surface the parking lot, install picnic tables and fireplaces.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Quensel as special officer and caretaker at the Town Beach, which proved very satisfactory and has cut down to a minimum the damage and made fewer calls to the town police necessary.

Again the Committee wishes to express their thanks to a fine project by the Town Beach Committee and remind the townspeople to take care of our new facilities as if their own.

May you enjoy all the new facilities and many days of fine recreation.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE

Report of School Building Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

As a report of progress, the School Building Committee respectfully submits the following statement of activities for the year 1964.

During the winter months, outside of steel erecting and some rough carpentry work, little progress was made on the construction of our new Junior-Senior High School.

With the coming of spring, the Committee, after an inspection tour, required that certain sections of the walls be replaced, and after tests, required the excavation of the fill in the gymnasium area, and then having it replaced according to proper procedural standards, thereby insuring the necessary compaction, which should prevent settling and cracking of foundations and walls in the future.

Under the competent and close scrutiny of Clerk-of-the-Works William Vadnais, and the supervision of the Architects, Stoner Associates, the work progressed at a nominal rate during the early spring and summer months. Roads and parking areas were put in, the various fields were graded and seeded, and the sewer connections were made.

Because of poor roof performance of new schools in different localities, particular attention was given by the Committee to this item. The subcontractor of this work has an excellent reputation in this field, and we feel that the building has a good roof. Incidently, this is a bonded roof, backed by the Koppers Company, and a 25 year bond is on file in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

As construction continued on the building, the Committee spent endless hours, days and weeks, in the selection of, drawing contracts for, and the purchase of the thousands of items of equipment necessary for the proper furnishing of the school. The laymen members of this Committee are most grateful to School Superintendent Dunn and Principal Geer for their many hours of research, inquires and recommendations for our consideration. In these endeavors, we have adhered to the schedule presented to the town, and in our opinion, when all of the equipment has been delivered, the school will have available practical, sound and progressive equipment at a reasonable price, yet, at the same time, will enhance and broaden the education of our citizens of tomorrow.

As the summer wore on, it became very apparent to the Committee that the target date of September 1, 1964, would not be met by the Contractor, and the building would not be ready for occupancy. Two strikes were in progress, holding up completion of finishing work and delivery of basic equipment.

Conferences between the Committee, Architect, General Contractor and the School Committee resolved little that was of benefit to the program. Continual pressure by the Committee and the whole-hearted cooperation of the School Committee finally brought partial results. The academic areas, gymnasium, assembly room, and cafeteria spaces were made available for use, and on Monday, November 30, 1964, the Junior-Senior High School classes moved into the building. Beneficial occupancy of the building was done with full approval of the Contractor and in accordance with the provisions of our General Contract. However, as of December 31, 1964, the School Building Committee has not accepted as completed any part of the building or the work under the General Contract, and will not until all of the provisions of said Contract have been met or satisfactory adjustments have been made.

Financially, the Committee is within the amounts appropriated, and hope that it will be possible, within a short time, to render a final accounting.

In closing, we thank the Selectmen for their constant cooperation and support, the School Committee for their devoted interest and understanding, the School Administration and office staff for its untold hours of extra work and ever-ready availability, the Finance Board for its recommendations, and particularly our Town Clerk and Town Accountant, by whose superior skill and knowledge of finance and accounting, the records and payments have been properly kept and transacted.

Last, but by far the most important, to you the citizens of Belchertown, we can only say "thank-you." Although at times our building program seemed so very far away, yet it was only you, whom with vision and foresight, assumed this monumental task and responsibility, which now has become a reality and a memorial to each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chairman
DAVID A. STAPLES, Vice Chm.
WALTER L. PAPP
ANDREW G. KETCHEN
DONALD E. GEER
CLIFFORD E. HOLT
JOHN V. NELSON, Secretary

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman	1967
ARTHUR H. BRENNEN	1966
LLOYD CHADBOURNE	1966
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY, Mrs.	1965
DAVID A. STAPLES	1967

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

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Telephone Residence: 323-7887

MAY ROSE DEWEY, Secretary Superintendent's Office
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Supervising Principals

DONALD E. GEER Federal Street, Belchertown
Telephone - High School: 323-6941
Telephone Residence: 323 6266

JOHN A. CURRY Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown
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Telephone Residence: 323-7320

Meetings of School Committee

At 8:00 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month
In the Superintendent's Office in Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N. Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone - Cold Spring: 323-7581
Telephone Residence: 323-6370

School Physician

KENNETH L. COLLARD, M. D. N. Washington St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 323-7591

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence 323-7463

No School Signal

Four (4) Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Your School Committee held forty (40) meetings during the year. This number does not include meetings with various Town Committees, Bid openings, or informal inspections. In addition to the meetings, individual members served as School Representatives on the following committees:

Summer Recreation
Old Town Hall
Belchertown Junior-Senior High School Building

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the members of the Methodist Church for the use of their Educational Building during this past year. The equipment and allied furnishings used in this building have been transferred to the other Elementary buildings.

The Department faces a program of up-grading facilities at the Center, Franklin, and Old High School buildings, however, a study will undoubtedly call for a long range program designed to fit the economy of our community.

Our presence in the new Junior-Senior High School Building is at the sole generosity and kindness of your Junior-Senior High School Building Committee. This Building Committee has looked long and faithfully to execute your instructions and wishes over the two (2) years.

Last June Mrs. Madeline Lambert and Miss Irene Orlando both assigned to the Elementary level retired after many years of faithful service. Miss Orlando began her duties in Belchertown forty-seven (47) years ago at the Blue Meadow School, now part of the Quabbin Reservoir and completed her tour at the Cold Spring School. Mrs. Lambert's first assignment was at the Rockrimmon School in the Turkey Hill Section. Her career closed some forty (40) years later at the Cold Spring School also.

Mr. John Dell, Elementary Principal, resigned in August of this year. The Committee after weeks of screening and interviewing candidates decided to secure the services of Mr. John Curry of the Lexington School system as Elementary Supervising Principal. Mr. Curry's educational background and experience will be valuable in our 6-6 system.

The Committee wishes to extend its thanks to the Advisory Committee appointed to study and report on the use of school buildings. This Committee submitted a detailed report covering recommendations for the School Committee's consideration.

We are presently considering the "Quality Education for Massachusetts" report submitted by a Special Commission on Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This study is also referred to as the Harrington or Willis report. The equalization principle to provide a greater amount of State Funds where resources are limited is of vital interest to this Community. Your Committee will keep you enlightened and solicit your assistance on proposed Legislation to the General Court regarding this subject.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of all who assist in the improvement of our Schools and furnish the revenue for the School System during these challenging times.

The Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the town to appropriate the sum of $537,009 for the operation of the Schools during 1965.

PROPOSED BUDGET, 1965

Administration	$ 19,905	
Instruction	341,470	
Other School Services	57,924	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	88,195	
Fixed Charges	200	
Acquisition of Fixed Charges	920	
Programs with other School Systems	28,395	
		$537,009

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 10, Chapter 70, Acts of 1948 of the General Laws the Belchertown School Committee includes the following estimate of anticipated receipts in 1965:

State-Aid Funds (Chapter 70)	$ 71,757.63
Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33
Transportation (Chapter 71)	42,765.00
Transportation—State Wards	1,972.66

Tuition—State Wards (Chapter 76)	5,136.73	
State-Aided Vocational Education, Household Arts	2,204.64	
State-Aided Transportation	2,615.47	
State-Aided Tuition	5,473.13	
Mentally & Physically Handicapped	1,017.55	
Emotionally Disturbed	34.50	
		$136,310.64

Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation.

Respectfully submitted:
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman
ARTHUR BRENNEN
LLOYD CHADBOURNE
PHYLLIS FLAHERTY
DAVID A. STAPLES

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

The opening of the new Belchertown Junior-Senior High School on November 30, 1964, solved the serious problem of overcrowding which had existed for all secondary students and for most of the pupils in the elementary schools.

Students in Grades seven through twelve were housed in ample quarters in the new building. This move permitted the closing of the Methodist Church Annex for public school classes by transferring Fourth Grade pupils to the Center School and Third Grade pupils to Cold Spring. In addition, pupils in Grades Five and Six were moved to the Old High School. Franklin School continued to house children from the South end of town who were in Grades 1-3.

Even more important than the provision of ample space for all pupils was the fact that the new building provided specialized spaces and equipment in the form of science laboratories, a gymnasium, a library, a language laboratory, an art room, a homemaking room, an enlarged guidance area, an industrial arts shop, and a music-assembly room. These spaces made it possible to offer students courses which had never before been offered. Besides, the new facilities enabled teachers to strengthen existing courses particularly in the areas of science and foreign language.

In addition to spaces and equipment, new personnel were hired starting in September to give instruction in art and physical education in all grades. An industrial arts teacher and a school librarian were retained for the secondary grades, and a remedial reading teacher started a much needed program in the elementary grades. More instruction in music for all grade levels was made possible by the elimination of two part-time positions and the establishing of one full-time music director.

Other important changes made during the year included the elimination of combination grades at Franklin School, the adoption of a revised program of studies at the High School, consultation services for emotionally disturbed children, and a strengthening of the mathematics program through the hiring of trained personnel.

Several extremely important improvements in areas of space, equipment, and personnel were made in the schools in 1964. Although much progress has been made, the fact that much more needs to be done can be learned readily by studying the recent report of the Harrington Commission entitled "Quality Education for Massachusetts." This report which deserves the consideration of every thoughtful citizen provides measures by which Belchertown may evaluate the quality of its public schools, and offers guide lines for improvement to citizens and officials charged with the responsibility of public education in the town.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Left Service

	Name	*School*	*Year Appointed*
1.	Georgia L. Atwood	Cold Spring	1962
2.	Walter Brown	High School	1962
3.	Joseph Contino	Part time, Elementary-H.S.	1956
4.	Clara P. Cook	Part time, Elementary-H.S.	1949
5.	John A. Dell	Elementary Supervising Prin.	1963
6.	Bonta L. Falk	Cold Spring	1961
7.	Mary Anne Flaherty	Cold Spring	1962
8.	Elizabeth A. Fox	Elementary (Annex)	1962
9.	Mary Lou Ismail	Cold Spring	1963
10.	Madeline Lambert	Cold Spring	1924
11.	Eloi Laramee	High School	1963
12.	Irene B. Orlando	Cold Spring	1917
13.	Paul Paschetto	Junior High	1961
14.	Jerome Shea	High School	1959
15.	Jane Wardwell	Junior High	1962

New Appointments

	Name	*School*	*Where Graduated*
1.	Frank M. Dunn, Jr.	Superintendent	Tufts College
2.	Eleanor M. Armstrong	Cold Spring	Danburg State Teachers
3.	Joseph S. Aschenback	Junior High	Wm. J. Bryan Coll.
4.	Gerard V. Benelli	Cold Spring	Andrews Univ.
5.	Mary E. Cundel	Cold Spring	Cortland Coll.
6.	Janice E. Cramer	Elem.-H.S.	Sargent Coll.

7. John A. Curry	Elem. Supr. Prin.	Boston Univ.
8. Claire L. Curry	Junior High	Boston Univ.
9. Albert Deresienski	Elem.-H.S.	Indiana Univ.
10. Janice M. Donnelly	Elem.-O.H.S.	Montana State Univ.
11. Alan C. Eastman	Elem.-H.S.	Univ. of Mass.
12. Sandra L. Edmunds	Cold Spring	Univ. of Mass.
13. Henry L. Hmielski	High School	Springfield Coll.
14. Phyllis S. Johanson	Cold Spring	Cortland Coll.
15. Alethea A. Masters	Cold Spring	Westfield State
16. Evelyn R. Miller	High School	Western Reserve Ohio
17. Gerald P. Nathanson	Cold Spring	Worcester State
18. Elaine C. Monroe	Cold Spring	Univ. of Mass.
19. Jane Pietryka	High School	Salem State Teachers
20. Ann L. Soderberg	Junior High	Clark Univ.
21. Warren Swanson	High School	Fitchburg State Teach.
22. Frederick P. Thurberg	High School	Univ. of Mass.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK M. DUNN, JR.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of Secondary Schools Supervising Principal

Mr. Frank M. Dunn, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Dunn:

The most outstanding event of the year concerning the secondary schools was the opening of the new Junior-Senior High School on November 30. All activities were conducted with an eye toward this occasion. Through the assistance of the Guidance Office and the Staff a new program of studies was developed to incorporate the facilities of the new building and better meet the comprehensive needs of the students.

New courses in biology and chemistry were introduced to give opportunity for student laboratory experience. A course designed to introduce basic principles in physics and chemistry was developed for the Freshmen in the Advance Science group. It is the purpose of these courses to take maximum advantage of the science laboratories provided in the new school.

The instruction in the junior high science program which has been limited through the years by the lack of facility has been taking full advantage of the science rooms provided to give each student laboratory experience.

Other courses included in the new curriculum made possible by the new building and which are also presented to students in grades 7 and 8 are industrial arts for boys including projects in both wood and metal. physical education for boys and girls including a seasonal intra-mural program, and an art program.

The French program has been extended to include grade 9. It has also been included in the grade 7 program to be conducted over a two-year period. This will make possible a fourth level course for the present grade 9 and fifth level course for the present grade 7 when these students reach the senior year in high school.

The French program has been made more effective by the language laboratory which enables each student to listen to specially prepared French lessons, to respond to questions, and to hear their own voices on individual recorders.

Additional senior high courses offered for minor credit include speech, speedwriting, driver education, industrial arts for boys and household arts for girls, and reading for students in grade 9.

The facilities in the business department have been expanded. The typing room includes fifteen manual and fifteen electric typewriters. A business machines room has been provided which contains different types of calculators, adding machines, and a bookkeeping machine. Transcribing and dictating equipment has also been purchased for the office practice program.

The school library was opened shortly after entering the new school. At the present time there are about 1000 volumes in the library for circulation among the students in addition to many sets of reference books. The librarian has worked hard and long to organize this area and is currently preparing a list of additional books to be purchased. It is anticipated that the number of volumes will be more than doubled during the year ahead.

The math program is currently being studied in order to make recommendations for incorporating newer teaching methods and materials. Plans for a teacher in-service training program are also being formulated.

Through the expanded program it is felt that excellent utilization is being made of the new facilities in view of the short time that it has been in operation.

The Guidance Office has offered the school and students continued counselling service. An attempt has been made to incorporate the junior high children in the program by conducting regularly scheduled interviews during the first two periods each day. In addition to working on the program of studies the office worked with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a definitive description of the offerings of the Guidance program.

A major portion of the efforts of the office were with the graduating class. There were 44 seniors who received diplomas in June. Of these 14 were accepted in four-year college programs and 8 in two-year college programs. Of those remaining, 6 have entered the Service and 15 have accepted full-time employment.

The Secondary school pupils continue to score above the national median in the Standardized Achievement Tests administered to all grades. Three seniors received honors on the National Merit Scholarship exams administered last spring. Linda Martin was named a semi-finalist and is competing for finalist honors. David

Papp and Leita Hulmes received letters of commendation for receiving high honors on these tests.

Th emusic program included an exchange vocal concert with Narragansett Regional High School of Templeton visiting Belchertown.

Dorothy DeWitt, James Carpenter, Ernest Gay, Leita Hulmes, Joseph Lemire and David Papp were selected for participation with the District Chorus in Greenfield on January 16, 1965.

James Carpenter was recommended for the All-State chorus which meets later this year and David Papp, an All-State performer last year, was recommended to sing with the All-Eastern Chorus at Buffalo, New York in March.

The band participated in the programs on Memorial Day, October 12, and Veterans' Day, and took part in the Amherst Community Fair Parade in May. Judy Dewhurst was again selected to participate with the District Band at Greenfield in January.

The High School basketball and baseball teams again enjoyed successful seasons. The basketball team finished the season with a 20-3 record, and was undefeated champion of the Franklin League. The team accepted an invitation to participate in the Small School Basketball Tournament, Supplementary Division, at the University of Massachusetts where it advanced to the finals only to be defeated by Minnechaug Regional High School of Wilbraham.

In retrospect it can be said that although a great deal remained to be accomplished during the past year to effect the move into the new school and to initiate the new program, the work was accomplished through the cooperation of the entire staff without seriously interfering with the existing program.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER
Principal,
Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School

Report of Elementary Schools Supervising Principal

Frank M. Dunn, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Dunn,

The enrollment by grades in the Belchertown Elementary Schools at present is as follows:

Grade	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*
Grade 1	43	56	99
Grade 2	46	54	100
Grade 3	42	59	101
Grade 4	59	51	110
Grade 5	58	37	95
Grade 6	41	36	77
Total	289	293	582

The departmentalization of Grades five and six was continued this year with the further refinement of ability level grouping in the three major areas. For instance, it is possible for a child to be in one group for arithmetic and science, another group for reading and spelling, and still a third group in social studies and language arts. This enables the school to better meet the interests and needs of all children in diversified subjects.

The addition of full-time art, music, and physical education specialists has made it possible for each child to have a minimum of thirty minutes per week with each specialist. The specialist then confers with the teacher so that the work of each may be coordinated and the teacher may carry on the program in between the visits of the specialist.

One great benefit to the Belchertown Elementary Schools this year has been the addition of a full-time reading teacher. This teacher has been utilized as a reading resource person for all teachers as well as a remedial reading teacher for those needing additional, specialized, and individual help in grades two through six. She has been helpful in the selection of new materials such as supplementary reading books, co-basal reading books, and library books for enrichment as well as pleasure.

Cooperation has continued with the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College in the teacher training program. A practice teacher from Westfield has been training in the fifth and sixth grade science department and the University of Massachusetts has teachers training at the first, third, and fourth grade level.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills were administered to all children in grades three through six during October. These tests make it possible to measure the pupil's ability to use his acquired skills. The tests for each grade are specifically adapted to that grade and are concerned wholly with the fundamentals of elementary instruction. The tests measure vocabulary, study skills, reading ability, language skills, and arithmetic.

The instrumental music program is off to an excellent start this year. There are thirty-five children participating in the program. All the band instruments plus violin are being studied at present.

American Education Week was observed the week of November 9-13, 1964. Open House was held during the day to allow parents an opportunity to visit the classrooms. The teachers of Grades 1, 2, 3 at Franklin and Cold Spring greeted parents in the classrooms during the evening of November 10; the teachers of Grades 4, 5, 6 at Center and Cold Spring met with the parents the evening of November 12. It was most gratifying to see so many parents in attendance on both evenings.

Field trips to local areas of educational value were enjoyed by all grades during the year. For instance, grades four, five, and six visited the Springfield Museum and Planetarium.

The Mathematics Committee has been working to select a Mathematics program for Belchertown which will incorporate many of the newer approaches to Mathematics that have been found to be so effective in other communities. Upon investigation the Committee has come to the conclusion that the Mathematics is the same but the way that the teacher presents the material to the children is different enough to create more interest among the children. The Commitee is striving to get an In-service program in Mathematics started to familiarize all teachers with the new approach before the teaching program gets under way.

The Parent-Teachers Association had a busy and profitable year both educationally and socially. The educational programs included such subjects as reading, mathematics, guidance and classroom visits. Special events included a PTA Hootenanny, a musical, and the annual White Elephant Auction. The program committee has several worthwhile and timely subjects planned for the balance of the 1964-1965 school year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. CURRY, JR.
Elementary Supervising Principal

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Frank M. Dunn, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Dunn:

Herein is submitted the school health report for 1964:

Vision and Hearing tests were completed on 1000 or more pupils during the course of the year. Parents of those children who failed were sent notices in writing together with a physician's form to be filled out, and were urged to have their children examined by an Eye or Ear Specialist. A Speech Survey by the Speech Center at the University of Massachusetts was conducted. Those needing therapy are now attending weekly sessions at the Center. Two are taking Lip-reading lessons upon the recommendation of an Otologist.

On January 24th, the Red Cross Home Nursing Course ended with twelve High School girls receiving their certificates and pins. These classes were jointly taught by Mrs. Florence Jackson and the school nurse.

In February, the already existing near-epidemic cases of German Measles picked up momentum and was complicated by Chicken Pox or Bronchitis following in many instances. Letters were sent to all parents urging them to observe and follow the rules and regulations which were established regarding Communicable Diseases.

Physical examinations were performed by the school physician, Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, on all students in grades one, four, seven, eleven, and new pupils who had transferred from other towns. Included were students participating in competitive sports. Parents were notified in writing of any defects noted or conditions requiring attention. This Fall, because of unfavorable conditions at the old high school, examinations were limited to only the 48 boys trying out for Basketball. The remaining examinations will be done at the new Junior-Senior High School, probably beginning in January.

The local Board of Health, with the cooperation of the School Deaprtment, sponsored two Oral Polio Clinics and three DPT Clinics, consisting of Day and Evening sessions. A tuberculin test clinic was held on May 11th and read on May 17th. All students who presented signed parental permission in grades 1, 7, 12, and other school personnel. were administered the Tine test by Dr. Frederick Goodhue, Supt. of the Hampshire County Sanatorium. Follow up work was done by Mrs. J. Houston of the above Association and the school nurse.

During March and April, the nurse attended an "In-Service" course for all school nurses in this vicinity at the Health Department in Amherst. Among other things, emphasis was placed on the problems of the physically and mentally handicapped child. This year, the schools in Belchertown have procured the services of the Holyoke Mental Health Center for consultations, testings, and referrals.

With progressive advances along all areas, one may hope for a more rewarding year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R.N.
School Nurse

School Financial Report

Classification of School Expenditures, 1964

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee:		
Expense	$189.00	
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salaries		
Includes Supt. and Clerical	16,985.38	
Expense		
Includes in and out-of-State travel office supplies and telephone	1,274.77	
Law Enforcement	20.00	$18,469.15
INSTRUCTION		
Teacher Salaries	$256,240.24	
Teacher Expenses; incl. clerical salary	6,685.68	
Instructional Supplies	20,460.98	283,386.90
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Custodial Salaries	24,312.98	
Operation of Expense:		
Supplies, telephone, water, electricity and fuel	21,934.70	46,247.68
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repair and Replacement	8,421.83	8,421.83
TRANSPORTATION		
Regular Routes	38,022.31	
Field Trips and Music Festival	686.34	
Special Class	1,013.90	39,722.55
MISCELLANEOUS	3,225.83	3,225.83

HEALTH			
Salaries and Expenses		6,593.88	6,593.88
HOUSEHOLD ARTS			
Salaries and Expenses		7,709.88	7,709.88
CAPITAL OUTLAY		3,094.36	3,094.36
LIBRARY		1,498.81	1,498.81
RENTAL		937.25	937.25
Expenditures, 1964 Budget			419,308.12
Expenditures:			
Avbl. funds		300.00	
George Barden, Calvin Bridgman High School Music		83.08	383.08
Total School Expenditures			$419,691.20
Receipts: 1964 Appro.	436,030.00		
Available Funds	383.08	$436,413.08	
Expenditures, 1964 Total		419,691.20	
Balance returned to the town			$16,721.88
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:			
1-A Chap. 70, School Aid		$55,945.13	
B. Transportation		34,196.06	
C. Superintendent's Reimbursement		3,333.33	
D. Vocational Education (H. Arts)		2,054.60	
E. Chapt. 69 and 71, Special Class		1,027.05	
F. State Wards:			
Transportation	$1,972.66		
Tuition	5,136.73	7,109.39	
		$103,665.56	
2-A Available Funds		383.08	$104,048.64
RECAPITULATION			
Total Cost of Schools		$419,691.20	
Offset to 1965 Taxes	$103,665.56		
From Available Funds	383.08	104,048.64	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1964			$315,642.56
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1963			$251,502.87

Vocational Education Financial Report

1964

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION		$22,500.00
State Reimbursements, 1964:		
Transportation	$1,902.50	
Tuition	6,530.50	8,433.00
		$30,933.00
Expenditures:		
Transportation	$6,594.50	
Tuition	12,197.70	18,792.20
ACTUAL COST TO TOWN		$12,140.80

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1964

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	78	71	74		95	76							394
Main St. (Annex)				111									111
Franklin School	19	25	26										70
Center School							96	82					178
High School									83	67	59	48	257
	97	96	100	111	95	76	96	82	83	67	59	48	1010

93rd Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 11

1964

Belchertown State School Auditorium

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

John Henry Carpenter
John Jeffrey Carr
Claude Francis Demers
Roy Demetropoulos
David Henry Depot
James Francis Dorman
Catherine Rose Ferenz
Sandra Jean Field
Linda Christine Fletcher
Judith Ann Forgette
Violet Joyce Gagne
David Henry Garrison
Roger Conrad Gaughan
Robert Florian Gawlik
Todd Anthony Gentile
Joanne Lynn Gould
Merle Robert Green, Jr.
Peter Thomas Greenan
Gayton Marcel Hebert
Edith Dianne Hurd
Susan Virginia Hussey
Sandra Mae Joyal
Rosemary Catherine McLean
Patricia Jean Menard
MaryAnn Mercier
Richard Snow Merrell
Susan Ellen Miner
Peter Joseph Nepus, Jr.
Michael John Oberly
Jane Marie Peterson
Gloria Jean Piskor
John Francis Ribeiro
Sandra Ann Richards
David Alva Rieff
Cheryl Ann Sample
Jacqueline Rose Scott
James Henry Shaw
Bronislaus Stanley Socha
Fernand Denis Sulewski
Diane Kay Supczak
Patricia Louise Very
Patricia Elaine Wadsworth
Beverly Joan Weeks
Ann Louise Wisneski

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional		Mrs. Ruthella Tucker Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Elvert F. Miller
Song:	"God Of Our Fathers"	*George Warren*
Salutatory		Sandra Field
Song:	"Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"	*Johann Sebastian Bach*
Valedictory		Joanne Gould
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Frank M. Dunn, Jr. Superintendent
Address		Albert W. Purvis Dean School of Education University of Massachusetts
Song:	"You'll Never Walk Alone" Solo—Jane Peterson	*Richard Rodgers* *Oscar Hammerstein*
Scholarships:		
P. T. A.		Mr. Andrew Ketchen
Nurses' Association		Mrs. Herbert Burridge
Lions Club		Mr. John Carr
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr. Memorial		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Student Council		
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Donald E. Geer Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Harold W. Willey Chairman School Committee
Song:	"No Man Is An Island"	*Joan Whitney* *Alex Kramer*
Benediction		Rev. George R. Dudley
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara Cook
Accompanist, Donna Wadsworth

Belchertown Public School Directory

Frank M. Dunn, Jr.—Superintendent of Schools 1964
Bay Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian—School Nurse, R. N. 1954
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard—School Doctor, M. D. 1962
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. May Rose Dewey—Secretary to Superintendent Schools 1945
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Lois Lowe—Clerk, Superintendent's Office 1964
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mr. Albert S. Deresienski, Jr.—Music Supervisor (Vocal & Band) 1964
37 Beauregard Street, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts
Mrs. Phyllis Mullane—Cafeteria Manager 1954
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
George M. Dewey—Head Custodian 1946
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing 1950
Waltham, Massachusetts

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Jr.-Sr. High School Supervising Prin. 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruby W. Martin—Secretary to Principal 1959
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Joseph S. Aschenbach—Jr. H. S. English, Science 1964
93 Kings Highway, West Springfield, Massachusetts
Edward F. Burgess—Guidance Director 1961
117 Center Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts
Mrs. Jane O. Card—Jr. H. S. Social Studies, Reading, English 1963
Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Joan M. Clark—High School English, Reading 1963
42 Glendale Road, Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Janice E. Cramer—Physical Education (Girls), Grades 1-12
1964
115 Montague Road, North Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Claire L. Curry—Jr. High School Science 1964
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Allen C. Eastman—Art Instructor, Grades 1-12 1964
265 Hadley Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Miss Barbara Ernest—H. S. Science, Algebra, Girls' Softball 1960
Chapel Hill, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara G. Field—Jr. H. S. Assistant Principal, Mathematics
English, Reading 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Madeline Fitzgerald—High School Business Education 1958
Depot Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Henry L. Hmieleski—High School Mathematics 1964
98 Mechanic Street, Orange, Massachusetts
Mrs. Florence N. Jackson—Jr.-Sr. H. S. Household Arts 1946
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Ronald R. LeBlanc—High School French, History 1963
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Evelyn R. Miller—High School Librarian 1964
Park Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Collon A. Norcross—Jr. High School Social Studies 1963
15 Bluebird Acres, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts
James E. O'Leary—High School Social Studies (Coach,
Basketball and Baseball) 1957
135 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—High School French, Biology 1956
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—High School Latin, English 1941
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Jane Pietryka—High School Business Education 1964
Franklin Street, So. Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—High School English 1957
Robin Farm, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Ann L. Soderberg—Jr. High School Mathematics 1964
South East Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Warren E. Swanson—High School Industrial Arts 1964
Sabin Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Frederick P. Thurberg—High School Science 1964
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gerald G. Tremaine—H. S. Mathematics, Social Studies, Driver Education 1952
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Paul E. Whitlock—Physical Education (Boys) Grades 1-12 1960
54 Meadowbrook Lane, Hampden, Massachusetts

ELEMENTARY

John B. Curry—Elementary Supervising Principal 1964
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Dorothy Reece—Secretary to Principal 1964
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Eleanor M. Armstrong—Cold Spring, Grade 2 1964
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Margaret T. Austin—Head Teacher, Old High School, Grades 5 and 6 1954
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary M. Avery—Elementary Remedial Reading 1960
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gerald V. Benelli—Old High School, Grades 5, 6 Science 1964
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary Ellen Candel—Cold Spring, Grade 1-B 1964
North Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Julia L. Corbin—Cold Spring, Grade 2-B
450 Amherst Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson—Center School, Grade 4 1957
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Janice M. Donnelly—Old High School, Grade 6 Reading and Spelling 1964
Holyoke Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Sandra L. Edmands—Cold Spring, Grade 3-B 1964
285 Lincoln Avenue, Amherst, Massachusetts
Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald—Head Teacher, Franklin, Grade 2 1931
Depot Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Juanita A. Foor—Old High School, Grade 5 Reading 1962
914 Lincoln Avenue, Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marilyn J. Hayward—Franklin, Grade 1 1960
Sears Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Cold Spring, Grade 3-C 1958
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Alan G. Hurlburt—Old High School, Grade 5 Social Studies 1963
139 Main Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Phyllis S. Johanson—Cold Spring, Grade 2-A 1964
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Head Teacher, Center School, Gr. 4 1948
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Aiethea F. Masters—Center School, Grade 4 1964
58 McClure Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Miss Elaine G. Munroe—Cold Spring, Grade 1-C 1964
11 Prospect Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Gerald P. Nathanson—Old High School, Grades 5 and 6 Mathematics 1964
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Carolyn L. Schott—Franklin, Grade 3 1962
Gilbertville Road, Ware, Massachusetts
Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams—Cold Spring, Grade 3-A 1958
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mildred T. White—Center School, Grade 4 1963
Kimball Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara H. Yanginski—Cold Spring, Grade 1-A 1960
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CAFETERIA

Mrs. Clara E. Skinner—Assistant to Manager 1955
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Edith Depot—Worker 1961
Bay Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mabel Depot—Worker 1961
Bay Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary S. Dunbar—Worker 1961
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Shirley S. Dzuris—Worker 1960
East State Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Rose R. Lemire—Worker 1960
Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary E. Mathras—Worker 1963
East Walnut Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Patricia R. Staples—Worker 1961
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Josephine M. Zobka—Worker 1957
Franklin Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CUSTODIANS

William F. Kimball, Jr.—Assistant to Head Custodian 1950
North Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Charles H. Eskett—State St., Belchertown, Mass. 1962
Julian H. Hussey—Jabish St., Belchertown, Mass. 1964
Albert J. Langevin—Turkey Hill Rd., Belchertown, Mass. 1964
Julian J. Matusko—Daniel Shays H'way, Belchertown, Mass. 1965
Stanley Supczak—Part Time Franklin, Franklin St., Belchertown 1963
Russell L. Tripp—80 North Street, Ludlow, Mass. 1964
Robert F. Welch—North Main Street, Belchertown, Mass. 1961

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 9, 1964 — JUNE 24, 1965

1964

September 9, Wednesday—Schools open, beginning of school year, Regular sessions will be held.

October 12, Monday—Schools closed, Columbus Day.

October 16, Friday—Schools closed, Teachers' Convention.

November 11, Wednesday—Schools closed, Veterans' Day.

November 25, Wednesday—Schools closed—Jr.-Sr. High, 11.30; Elementary, 12 noon.

November 26, Thursday—November 27, Friday, Thanksgiving Vacation.

December 23, Wednesday—School closed—Jr.-Sr. High, 11.30; Elementary, 12 noon—Christmas Vacation.

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January 4, Monday—Schools reopen.

February 19, Friday—Schools closed, regular session—Mid winter vacation begins.

March 1, Monday—Schools reopen.

April 16, Friday—Schools closed, Good Friday, and Spring vacation begins.

April 26, Monday—Schools reopen.

May 31, Monday—Schools closed, Memorial Day.

June 24, Thursday—Schools closed (Tentative), Summer vacation.
(183 days total)

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1 AND 8, 1965

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday the first day of March, A. D., 1965, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden and a Cemetery Commissioner, each for one (1) year; two (2) Selectmen, a Treasurer, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner, a Board of Health member and five (5) Constables, each for three (3) years; one (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are hereby further required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eighth day of March, A. D., 1965, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridman Fund for three (3) years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act theron.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library account the dog license refund of 1964 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1965, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Tree Warden	2.00 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1965, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate form the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for bills incurred in 1964, or take any action relative thereto.

Mobil Oil Company	$117.00
Albert W. Brown	268.00

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Eskett Road
Rural Road
So. Washington St.
Gulf Road
Shaw Avenue
Orchard Road
Bardwell St.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to accept an additional 1,500 feet of Shea Avenue or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to continue surfacing Shea Avenue with permanent type construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of two (2) 3000 Lumen Lamps on Sargent Street on Poles 20¼ and 20½, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money adequate to widen East Street sufficiently to permit two-way traffic between Route 9, and Cold Spring Road or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the sale of Cemetery Lots Fund a sum of money for the improvement and maintenance of Mt. Hope Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Zoning By-Law Amendment:

IV-E Prohibited Uses.

4. Bill board or sign over 100 sq. feet in area on which the principal product or service advertised is not regularly produced or available on the premises.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the General Court sitting as a Constitutional Convention, did on July 16, 1963, give initial approval to a Home Rule amendment to the State Constitution, and

WHEREAS this bill of rights for local government requires a second approval by the members of the General Court during this legislative session, and

WHEREAS we, as members of this Town Meeting, feel competant to handle the affairs of our town without strict supervision by the Commonwealth of our every act and deed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this town meeting hereby instructs its representatives to General Court to vote in favor of the Home Rule proposal (H 1384 of 1963 as revised) when it comes before them.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a cab and chassis and other equipment for the Fire Department to replace the present 1936 Ford Emergency Truck or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a rate schedule for services rendered by the Town Emergency Vehicle or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by deleting from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District that parcel of land belonging to Fred and Bertha Townsend situated on the Easterly side of Turkey Hill Road and described in deed of Clarence E. Robinson et ux dated June 8, 1957, and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1249, Page 107, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install three (3) 7,000 Lumen Lamps and one (1) 21,000 Lumen Lamp at poles located on the new High School grounds or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase street lighting on poles #1 and #5 on Main Street to 7,000 Lumens per lamp or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

1965.

Board of Selectmen
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS, Chairman
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
EARL F. HENRICHON
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.

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